

For schools,
communities, cities,
counties, states,
and the country.

A NEW CONSTITUTION FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Preamble



Every middle-schooler
will have the expectation
that when they are in high school,
they will have a good-paying job,
sharing knowledge or skills
with younger children,
peers,
or adults in their community.

A Parallel Structure

Current schools

- One teacher
- 20-30 students per class
- Courses and exams
- Adult-run sports and activities

Youth Knowledge Work

High school students:

- Teaching & coaching
- Getting paid to teach and lead
- Sharing knowledge & skills
- Contributing to their community

Not in competition with schools, but within and beside them.

Young people will earn money by [for example] ...



Co-Teaching

Supporting qualified teachers in elementary and middle school classrooms



Coaching Sports

Leading after-school intramural sports leagues of all kinds



Arts & Performance

Directing plays, videos or art classes with peers and younger children



Music Instruction

Teaching instruments, dance, or singing



Oral Histories

Leading groups to collect stories from community elders



Lab Assistance

Working in chemistry or physics labs in school

More examples ...

Leading conversation groups for people learning their language

Facilitating their own IEP meetings or IEP meetings for peers

Teaching American Sign Language

Teaching yoga and meditation

Teaching chess, coding, or robotics

Teaching math games, fractions, algebra, geometry, or calculus

Coaching teachers, museums and government offices how to make services accessible

**Each high school student will earn
up to \$10-12,000 per year
for part-time knowledge work**

....not paid to go to school...

...but paid to **teach, coach, and lead.**

Most people already agree...

Every child should:

Grow up **EXPECTING** they have something valuable
to share with their community

Grow up **LEARNING** from slightly older young people
who are their neighbors, siblings, and role models

Funding a New Constitution for Public Education

**NO NEW
TAXES
REQUIRED**

**Billions in public funding are
already spent addressing symptoms:**

Remedial classes

Policing adolescents

Courts and prisons

Managing the consequences we've
created

A small fraction can pay young people to teach

What we need to do next ...

TALK WITH EVERYONE, young and old

about how we want all children to grow up—learning AND teaching.

DEMAND THE MONEY

to pay high school students for teaching, coaching, and leading.

BUILD THE STRUCTURES

where young people can share what they know—
both inside and outside of schools.

A New Constitution for Public Education

Based on paid youth knowledge work

Let's work together at every level—schools,
communities, cities, counties, states, and our
entire country