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Parents Beware: The Hidden Crisis of Inflated Grades in Schools

If Our Children Aren't Working Hard, They Aren't Learning

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“What Did You Learn in School Today?”

“Nothing.”

Did you ever think that might actually be true? You aren't alone.

Today

According to Business Insider, 47% of US public high school seniors graduate with an “A” average, yet their SAT scores are plummeting. This means fewer students are genuinely college-ready despite the impressive grades on their report cards. A 2021 study by Learning Heroes found that while 90% of parents believe their children are performing at or above grade level, only 34% are, according to the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP).

Who Is Benefiting?

The school boards. If our kids bring home “A’s”, it might appear that school boards are doing a great job, assuring the sustaining board members get reelected. But if they voluntarily tighten up on grading and start embracing a higher-quality education, they will threaten their elected positions come the next election. Change must come at the state level. But the discrepancy is clear: Schools exploit a perception gap by providing easy grades to keep parents happy and less likely to question their children's actual performance.

Why We Should Care

This not only undermines our involvement but also jeopardizes our children’s future. Easy grades create a false sense of achievement, demotivating students and leading them to put in less effort. Our children’s “A” might be fool’s gold, a superficial reward that doesn’t reflect real learning or preparedness for the challenges ahead. The long-term consequences are dire: students unprepared for life, unable to compete in the job market, and ultimately, supporting a weaker society.

What We Can Do

Successful schools follow a common rule: **The key to success is to set and maintain high standards.** It's time to demand follow-through. I've reached out to all eleven Indiana State School Board members, urging them to address and reverse grade inflation. You can join me in advocating for change by contacting your state board and insisting on higher educational standards. Let's work together to ensure our children receive the education they deserve and are prepared for the future. **We need voices like yours.**

Let’s act now to build a stronger educational foundation, one grade at a time. For more information, visit www.elevateschools.us/

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