

## **My Fears and Beliefs**

We are at a critical moment in the development of our education system.

I Fear:

- ❖ The people don't know enough about the system and the problems to become part of the solution.
- ❖ We won't change the system soon enough to produce the large pool of educated workers, professionals, and politicians necessary for our country to flourish.
- ❖ The rhetoric will continue.
- ❖ We will take another wrong turn.

I Believe:

- ❖ People are capable of understanding the importance of the community-school relationship.
- ❖ People are capable of understanding the problems in our current public school system.
- ❖ With understanding comes the ability to see the solutions.
- ❖ We can make a difference.

Me, as one ordinary citizen who cares deeply about the future of our education system yet lacks education credentials or connections, I face a dilemma.

My Response: I'm currently fighting back with words written to open the door of understanding, thus allowing us to proceed responsibly in providing quality education to all children in the United States of America.

We, as a nation, face uncertainty.

Do enough people care about our education system?

Can they be moved to act solely on behalf of our children?

We face a unique opportunity.

Our Goal must be to make a difference that withstands the test of time – that means building a true system of public schools founded upon the ideal of excellence.

I am an everyday American with no political or organizational ties. I believe in critical evaluation and problem solving.

I am free to speak and believe in exercising the liberty to do so. I need others to understand and help amplify the voice of the common people.

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