



A Policy Proposal To Revitalize Greater Appalachia's Education System

To quote Benjamin Franklin, "An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.", this statement sums up my view on the importance of education in Greater Appalachia. The youth of today will be the individuals who run the world tomorrow, and we owe it to them to provide the most accessible and comprehensive education available. Unfortunately, America has failed to create a functional and working education system for our citizens. From children, teenagers, and young adults, our failing schools aren't working for anyone, but we can change this. I have ideas to reform our education system so that children can learn in acceptable conditions, our high schoolers aren't having nervous breakdowns from an education that's been forced to be one size fits all, and college students aren't trapped in debt for years. These reforms are necessary if Greater Appalachia wants to not just lead the country in education, but the world. Come join me and see what plans Goog has in store for Greater Appalachia in regards to education.

Free Lunch

- Goog grew up in conditions which didn't allow him to consistently eat 3 meals a day at home, like many children in America, he had to rely on school breakfast and lunch if he wanted to eat at all some days. So with this in mind, Goog understands that under no circumstances should meals at school cost money, not just lunch, but breakfast and third meals as well. The Goog Administration will make meals in public schools free for all students. Children need to be nourished in order to achieve their fullest potential in learning, science backs this up, to deny Greater Appalachian children meals every day is actively harming the intelligence of our youth. Underprivileged children deserve as much a chance to succeed as any others, it's time for the government to take action and combat child hunger, and our public schools are one of the best ways to do that.

Ending Standardized Testing

- Attempts to reform high schools, not to mention middle schools, have largely been a disaster. From President Bush's No Child Left Behind Act to President Obama's Every Student Succeeds Act, politicians have decided to put in place a one-size-fits-all standard for all students. Millions of parents, students and teachers have come out against

standardized education, and I come out in support of also ending this practice. It's time we made public schools care about the needs of every student again, standardized testing must go first. While good in theory, all standardized testing has done is put unnecessary pressure on the backs of students to fit into a mold which they simply may not be able to achieve. Every student has a different story, teachers should be in charge of how students should be tested, not suits without a clue of individual struggle. The Goog Administration will end standardized testing and put schools and teachers back in charge of testing the students they know.

Increasing The Pay Of Teachers

- Where would we be without teachers? In a far worse place than we are now I say. Teaching is one of the most important jobs in America, and our teachers are horribly underappreciated and underpaid. I've spoken to many teachers and stories of them having to get a temp job over the summer isn't uncommon, these are folks who loved children so much they wanted to literally make them their career, and after years at what was likely an expensive university, they have to work another job too, unacceptable. The average pay for a teacher in Greater Appalachia is \$54,000, The Goog Administration will raise this by \$6,000, an even \$60,000. This is the least we can do for the great teachers in the Commonwealth. Alongside that, Goog intends to empower unions all across the board, this includes teacher unions. Teacher unions are necessary for the hardworking men and women spreading knowledge to our youth, collective bargaining will not only improve the lives of educators but make teaching as a profession more alluring.

Making Public Colleges Tuition Free

- Higher education shouldn't just be a privilege for those who can afford the sky high prices, but a right for all Greater Appalachians. The Goog Administration will make the cost of tuition for public schools \$0, no more will young adults be trapped in debt. Goog will invest billions in our education system to eliminate costs and make universities accessible for all, be it two years or four years. Alongside that, we must look past tuition fees and take a gander at everything else students are expected to pay for. The costs of rooms and textbooks have made students either take out loans or resort to piracy, students shouldn't be forced to do either. The Goog Administration will subsidize the cost of all things surroundings your college experience so that you can focus on what is most important, learning.