

Arne Duncan Quotes

*School, Children, College, Country, Teacher, Thinking, Teaching, Community,
Years, Father, America, Promise, Support, Effort, Want, Art, Important, Home,
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I think the best thing that happened to the education system in New Orleans was Hurricane Katrina.

~Arne Duncan

Even in a time of fiscal austerity, education is more than just an expense.

~Arne Duncan

Borrowing to pay for college used to be the exception; now it's the rule.

~Arne Duncan

Wherever you find something extraordinary, you'll find the fingerprints of a great teacher.

~Arne Duncan

In America, your zip code or your socioeconomic status should never determine the quality of your education.

~Arne Duncan

We've seen more reform in the last year than we've seen in decades, and we haven't spent a dime yet. It's staggering how the Recovery Act is driving change.

~Arne Duncan

Teachers support evaluations based on multiple measures: student growth, classroom observation and feedback from peers and parents.

~Arne Duncan

To be clear, we the Department of Education want curriculum to be driven by the local level. We are by law prohibited from directing curriculum. We don't have a curriculum department.

~Arne Duncan

The arts significantly boost student achievement, reduce discipline

problems, and increase the odds students will go on to graduate from college.

~Arne Duncan

Education is the civil rights issue of our generation.

~Arne Duncan

Whether it's in an inner-city school or a rural community, I want those students to have a chance to take A.P. biology and A.P. physics and marine biology.

~Arne Duncan

Surveys show that many talented and committed young people are reluctant to enter teaching for the long haul because they think the profession is low-paying and not prestigious enough.

~Arne Duncan

Most teachers still say they love teaching though they wouldn't mind a little more respect for their challenging work and a little less blame for America's educational shortcomings.

~Arne Duncan

About two-thirds of bachelor's degree holders borrow to go to school, and on average they're graduating with more than \$26,000 in debt.

~Arne Duncan

To encourage more top-caliber students to choose teaching, teachers should be paid a lot more, with starting salaries more in the range of \$60,000 and potential earnings of as much as \$150,000.

~Arne Duncan

Other countries have outeducated us. They have made this a priority. And a big part of what I'm trying to do, frankly, is raise the profile of education and get America to wake up.

~Arne Duncan

A postsecondary education is the ticket to economic success in America.

~Arne Duncan

Far too many of our children today, our students, need remedial education. We have been lying to them. They're not really ready for college. That's not higher education's fault. That's our fault K-12.

~Arne Duncan

Other countries have passed us by. They're outworking us. They're outcompeting us. We have got to wake up and we have got to start moving.

~Arne Duncan

Schools and districts and unions are working together on some really innovative things.

~Arne Duncan

Teachers say their schools of education did not adequately prepare them for the classroom. They would have welcomed more mentoring and feedback in their early years.

~Arne Duncan

Money is not the reason that people enter teaching.

~Arne Duncan

I think it's my job to tell the truth.

~Arne Duncan

There's so much that we're doing wrong today. And studies show we're one of three countries that doesn't invest more in disadvantaged communities.

~Arne Duncan

Hungry children are distracted children. We want to make sure nothing gets in the way of our children performing well academically, including hunger.

~Arne Duncan

States should not balance their budgets on the backs of students.

~Arne Duncan

I think every student needs access to technology, and I think technology can be a hugely important vehicle to help level the playing field.

~Arne Duncan

Almost 24 million children - one in three - are likely growing up without their father involved in their lives.

~Arne Duncan

We all have a role to play - the President, Congress, parents, students and schools - in making college affordable and keeping the middle class dream alive.

~Arne Duncan

There was nothing more important I could do than be supportive as a dad.

~Arne Duncan

When I ask teachers why they teach, they almost always say that it is because they want to make a difference in the lives of children.

~Arne Duncan

City Year is taking on some of the toughest work in education.

~Arne Duncan

The cost of college should never discourage anyone from going after a valuable degree.

~Arne Duncan

No one is mandating merit pay.

~Arne Duncan

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