

Diane Ravitch

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Sometimes the most brilliant and intelligent minds do not shine in standardized tests because they do not have standardized minds.

~Diane Ravitch

Testing is not a substitute for curriculum and instruction. Good education cannot be achieved by a strategy of testing children, shaming educators, and closing schools.

~Diane Ravitch

Can teachers successfully educate children to think for themselves if teachers are not treated as professionals who think for themselves?

~Diane Ravitch

Privatizing our public schools makes as much sense as privatizing the fire department or or the police department

~Diane Ravitch

Congress and state legislatures should not tell teachers how to teach, any more than they should tell surgeons how to perform operations.

~Diane Ravitch

Teachers' working conditions are students' learning conditions

~Diane Ravitch

The ladder was there, from the gutter to the university, and for those stalwart enough to ascend it, the schools were a boon and a path out of poverty.

~Diane Ravitch

Without knowledge and understanding, one tends to become a passive spectator rather than an active participant in the great decisions of our time.

~Diane Ravitch

Those who can't teach, pass laws about how to evaluate teachers.

~Diane Ravitch

Accountability makes no sense when it undermines the larger goals of education.

~Diane Ravitch

American education has been littered with failed fads and foolish ideas for the past century.

~Diane Ravitch

The greatest obstacle to those who hope to reform American education is complacency.

~Diane Ravitch

When you succeed at keeping almost everyone in school, you must figure out ways to educate everyone you keep in school.

~Diane Ravitch

Testing children until they cry is a bad idea. It is an educational malpractice.

~Diane Ravitch

We should totally ban for-profit charters. For-profit's first obligation is to its stockholders, not to its children.

~Diane Ravitch

We will continue to chase rainbows unless we recognize that they are rainbows and there is no pot of gold at the end of them

~Diane Ravitch

One of the persistent ironies of reform is the impossibility of predicting the full consequences of change.

~Diane Ravitch

Research does not support any part of Race to the Top

~Diane Ravitch

An attack on public education is an attack on democracy.

~Diane Ravitch

You can't lead your troops if your troops do not trust you.

~Diane Ravitch

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