

IDEA 55 Students as change agents: From community service to community change

As schools encourage students to be a community volunteer these questions are essential:

- What is the role of our public schools in bringing about social change?
- Are schools separate from or influenced by the environment in which they exist?
- Are schools (and their students) responsible for attempting to investigate, research, gather data, draw conclusions, present a thesis, propose and carry out a solution(s) that affect change at the policy level in order to actually help solve the very problems that limit the success of the students and school?
- When students are encouraged to serve the community, is the wrong lesson being taught?
- When students perform charitable work, are they actually perpetuating the problems their efforts are intended to alleviate or solve, i.e. practicing “false charity”?

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