

### **IDEA 3 Urban schools don't need fixing: We can't call schools designed to fail "broken"**

In a March 18, 2012 *Star* commentary IPS Commissioner Kelly Bentley made this assertion: IPS is a broken system. See <http://dfer.org/a-broken-system/>

What Bentley suggests as a "fix" is providing "equal opportunity" through school options. School choice is currently defined as all children having access to "high quality" public schools. This maintains the story of a democratic and meritocratic society where competition churns the cream to the top, ultimately benefiting everyone by rewarding the most deserving.

Still, those benefiting most from this competitive sorting process look, talk, think, and act most like those who already have power. This is inequality by design and well documented. IPS plays a role in the perpetuation of this rigged social lottery: the nation's poorest are most likely to be denied access to a quality education for liberation and then blamed for their academic failure.

<http://vorcreatex.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/Urban-schools-dont-need-fixing-We-cant-call-schools-designed-to-fail-broken.pdf>

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