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“Progressive Education” and Racial Inequality

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Janet Howell is “outraged” the Va doesn’t spend more on education and poverty. However, since she was first elected, education and poverty spending has soared, totals $32 billion and is 60% of the Virginia budget.
The education spending bought mediocrity and racial inequality, as seen in these SAT results.
However, the racial inequality appears in 4th grade reading and math SOL tests, which means that the early elementary curriculum is not teaching reading and arithmetic successfully.
The early elementary curriculum was ruined by John Dewey, who, while at the Columbia University Teachers College, taught “progressive education” to future school superintendents who adopted it nationwide.
Switching now to Fairfax County: real estate taxes are outpacing household income.
County General Fund spending outpaces population growth and staff, even when adjusted for inflation.
FCPS spending outpaces enrollment growth and staff, even when adjusted for inflation.
From HowMoneyWalks.com, which visualizes IRS data on taxpayer migration. The red states are losing wealth, measured by Adjusted Gross Income. Green states are gaining.
HowMoneyWalks.com also tracks taxpayer migration to the county level. Fairfax and Arlington counties are losing AGI.
Fairfax County is getting poorer. The “Self-Sufficiency” division processes welfare applications and has more employees than parks and libraries. Used to have much less.
Annual spending increases for county and school compensation - raises, pensions, health insurance -- (red bars) account for the annual increase in real estate tax revenues.
FCPS spending increases since FY2000 for salaries, pensions, and health insurance have far outpaced enrollment and staff growth.
... and is still true even when adjusted for inflation (real spending increases)
This shows the dollar increases associated with the percent increases in salaries, pensions, and health insurance. The big driver of taxes is raises - $850M. In 2014, avg teacher salary was $66.7K. Was $77.3K in FY2019. This year $i80K. Can retire at age 55 with 75% of salary. In 1975 there were 11.8 students per staff member. Now there are 7.7. If there were still 11.8, FCPS would have 16,000 employees instead of 25,000, and budget would be $2B instead of $3B.
What did increasing FCPS spending five times faster than enrollment buy? Racial inequality. The white and Asian percentiles look okay, but see the next chart.
The EOC SOL “Pass Advanced” reading and math (algebra I) pass rates are probably a better predictor of career and college readiness than the SAT percentiles.
And again, the mediocrity and racial inequality appears in 4th grade.
With the Democrats painting Republicans as racist, Republicans need to, and can, go on the offensive as the champions of ending racism.