

American Education - a priority!

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Education must be among the top priorities of President-elect Barack Obama. Putting education on the back burner would be a huge mistake. We can't meaningfully address poverty or grow the economy as long as urban schools are failing. We will never be able to initiate new high-tech green industries without skilled workers. Skilled workers are a product of the school system.

The United States is now the only country in the industrialized world where children are less likely than their parents to graduate from high school. One recent study found that if American students did as well as those in several Asian countries in math and science, our economy would grow 20 percent faster.

America's distinguishing feature throughout most of our history has been our global lead in education. That lead is dwindling and it's time to make education a top priority!

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