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The Schools We Want

In every community there is a place of growth, full of opportunity and excellence: a building sacred to learning. These are our schools. Attending school has a great impact on shaping an individual, allowing them to find themselves in a nurturing environment and learn valuable life skills. School is an extremely important aspect of society, as it prepares one for the future. To have an education is to contain knowledge of the world around you and life experiences. However, a perfect school would extend beyond this, having impeccable values, a commitment to academic achievement, and a sturdy support system.

This ideal school would welcome every individual with open arms, for there would be no judgment or bias upon entry. There would be an atmosphere both relaxed and cheerful, yet with an understanding that an education is a privilege. Thus, students would see school in a different light. To value lifelong learning, involvement and the kindness of others would result in outstanding morale. In addition, each student would respect the diverse cultures and qualities of their peers, as well as take pride in their own. If I were responsible for this perfect school, every student would be promised a safe environment where they can learn to the best of their ability. I would encourage others to be creative and demonstrate personal and social responsibility. Students would then carry these values and positive attitudes into other areas of their lives, thus holding the confidence to believe and support their choices in life.

In the classroom it is necessary to have a teacher whose passion is just that: to teach. If one is in the presence of such enthusiasm, they too inherit a thirst for knowledge. This is the basis of a great teacher. Therefore, a perfect school would comprise of individuals who are both understanding humans and unbiased educators. They would be able to break down achievement barriers and adhere to the individual needs of each person. In this school, teachers would lack intimidation, but possess the hands to pull others into their domain of honest intellect. The student body is undoubtedly engaged when a teacher is willing to take risks and show compassion. A great teacher will influence your decisions, but a perfect teacher will give you the ability to make them yourself.

Every human being is in need of encouragement and a helping hand when times become difficult. Thus, within a flawless school there would be an impenetrable support system of those who play a role in one's success. For accomplishment in an academic environment, there must be some source of encouragement. The teachers constantly provides a positive attitude towards school, merely by their profession itself. They are sources of additional assistance and guidance. Similarly, administration has the responsibility of promoting and demonstrating good ethics while constructing the ideal learning environment. As a result, students would excel within the school. On a more personal level, parents have a direct impact on their child's success. When parents take pride in their child's abilities and are involved in the process, it influences the student's mentality about school and personal achievement and an incentive to strive for excellence is produced. Most often, one's peers are the most influential, for they hold numerous commonalities. When your peers are committed to success as a group, it is probable that your will follow in their footsteps. As a student and a human being, motivation from others is often the key to success. Thus, if one is immersed among individuals who believe in them, who will stand beside them in times of need, the possibility of failure is slim. And so, to obtain personal and academic achievement, it is essential for a powerful support system to be in place.

A perfect school is possible! With strong values, dedication to academic excellence and much encouragement, it can be achieved. This would be a place of valuable experiences and positive memories—a place to grow. It would be a representation of opportunity and the courage to attempt perfection. Every student would leap at challenges with the prospect of higher education. You would walk through its doors for the final time without fear of the future or any regrets, for you already have the confidence, it's just a breath of fresh air. Its walls would echo with a lifetime of knowledge and unforgettable moments, of teachers who made a difference and of students who, if nothing else, never gave up. ❖