

School closing

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School Closing Jeanise McCrea American Intercontinental University Abstract

When I was in school many years ago classes were over crowded and merely getting a seat was an issue, and my parents paid for my education. Being a former resident of Philadelphia I completely understand why parents are outraged at our law makers. There is two sides to every story and I can truly say I understand both in this case. Politicians are also outraged by this what seems to an injustice to our future Doctors, Lawyers and law makers, which may be non existent in the future due to the budget crisis and our public as well as catholic schools losing the battle to low enrollment. One editor wrote (Dixon, 2012) Why Isn't Closing 40 Philadelphia Public Schools National News? " In what should be the biggest story of the week, the city of Philadelphia's school system announced Tuesday that it expects to close 40 public schools next year and 64 by 2017. The school district expects to lose 40% of current enrollment to charter schools, the streets or wherever, and put thousands of experienced, well qualified teachers, often grounded in the communities where they teach, on the street". The media has a way of getting their points across however, sadly this is true and close to my heart because I grew up in Philadelphia back in the late 70s early 80s and it was no walk in the park than. Closing public and parochial schools will merely increase crime and damage our economy even more. School Closing In early January last year the Archdiocese of Philadelphia announced that five catholic high schools as well as 44 elementary would be closing or merging to avoid having to close. Here we are a year later and the guns are locked, loaded and pointed directly at the inner city children. A couple weeks ago the Philadelphia public school system announced that they will be closing 37

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inner city public schools. How can the children be our future and take our country to a better place if we do not invest in their education its really sad that we have money for war but not for education. Superintendent Dr. William R. Hite (Hite, 2013) introduced Philadelphia parents, teachers, and students to his " Action Plan". The Action Plan is built around two anchor goals — improve academic outcomes for students in all schools and ensure the financial stability and sustainability of the School District. The primary objective is to align all employees' work to six strategies and more than 50 actions. The plan also intends to signal a comprehensive overview of ongoing and future work in addition to performance metrics for accountability to families, students and community and business partners. " This Action Plan emphasizes solutions to basic problems based on evidence and facts, " said Dr. Hite. " We must use data and research more effectively than we've done in the past. We are getting back to the basics — doing what works and doing it well. " What Dr. Hite failed to add in his plan was a safe haven for our future (children).