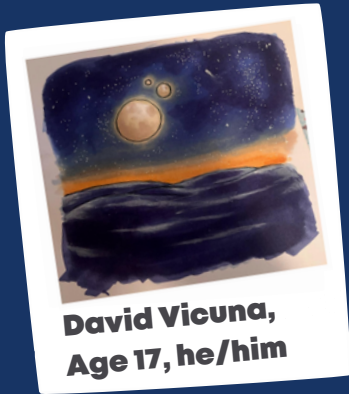


Youth Advisory Council - Paradigms & Possibilities Series

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What was your best learning experience ever?

I had an interview with a professor and it was mind-blowing the amount of knowledge one person had.

What's one thing in the world that you're curious to learn more about?

I am a very curious person to begin with, but one of the things I am more passionate about is learning about atomic energy.



TEACHER WORKING CONDITIONS: The way a teacher is compensated is very poor compared to all the work they have to put in. When teaching you will absolutely bring work home and teachers are not compensated or given the right resources to do their jobs.

One of the things I noticed throughout my years of learning in school has shown me that the teachers are usually fighting against the current. They either don't have enough money to get the resources to teach the students or the teacher has to jump through hoops for criteria that don't make sense for the teacher. When the teacher has what they need, that means a much better education for the students.

CONSIDERING DIFFERENT APPROACHES



It was difficult to find examples of districts that were putting effort into improving working conditions for teachers...

...I noticed that they put an emphasis on the students. I personally think they forget about the teachers and that should be stopped. There is a saying that the kids are our future, so it surprises me when I find out how teachers are compensated or how they don't get all the resources the teachers would need, because I would think they would try to give the teachers what they would need to teach the youth.

GATHERING IDEAS FROM OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE...

"Teachers are expected to take their work life home, teachers cannot separate the two."

D: "I agree with this, teachers often take their student's quizzes, tests, and homework results home to grade..."

D: "...if a teacher can't even support themselves with their wages I think it needs to change."

"It's quite ridiculous, because the salary is so low that in today's climate you can not support yourself on a teacher's salary, let alone a family...less and less people are going to want to teach because they won't even be able to pay for their own college tuition."

Possible solution:
prioritizing pay.