

I JUST SUED THE SCHOOL SYSTEM!

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Albert Einstein once said: “Everybody’s a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid.”

Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, today on trial we have Modern-day schooling. Glad you could come. Not only does he make fish climb trees, but also makes them climb down and do a 10 mile run.

Tell me, school, do you realize how many kids relate to that fish swimming upstream in class? Never finding their gifts, thinking they are stupid, believing they are useless.

Well the time has come; no more excuses. I call school to the stand and accuse him of killing creativity, individuality and being intellectually abusive. His ancient institution has outlived his usage.

So, your honor, this concludes my opening statement and if I may present the evidence of my case I will prove it.

Exhibit A: here’s a modern day phone; recognize it? Here’s a phone from 150 years ago. Big difference, right? Stay with me.

Here’s a car today and here’s a car from 150 years ago. Big difference, right?

Well get this: here’s a classroom of today and here’s a classroom we used 150 years ago.

Now isn’t that a shame. In literally more than a century, nothing has changed. Yet you claim to prepare students for the future? But with evidence like that I must ask: do you prepare students for the future, or the past?

I did a background check on you and let the records show, that you were made to train people to work in factories, which explains why you put students in straight rows nice and neat. Tell them sit still, raise your hand if you want to speak, give them a short break to eat, and for eight hours a day tell them what to think.

Oh, and make them compete to get an “A”, a letter which determines a

product quality. Hence, “grade A of meat”. I get it, back then times were different. We all have a past; I myself am no Gandhi. But today, we don’t need to make robot zombies. The world has progressed, and now we need people who think creatively, innovatively, critically, independently, with the ability to connect.

You see, every scientist will tell you no two brains are the same and every parents with two or more children will confirm that claim. So please explain why you treat student like cookie cutter frames.

It’s a shame, I mean teachers have the most important job on the planet yet they are underpaid, no wonder why so many students are shortchanged. Let’s be honest, teachers should earn just as much as doctors, because a doctor can do a heart surgery and save the life of a kid. But a great teacher can reach the heart of the kid and allow him to truly live.

You see teachers are heroes that often get blamed. But they’re not the problem. They work in a system without many options or rights. Curriculums are crated by policy makers most of which have never taught a day in their life. Just obsessed with standardized tests. They think a bubble in a multiple choice question will determine success.

I don’t have much faith in school, but I do have faith in people. and if we can customize health care, cars, and Facebook pages, then it is our duty to do the same for education to upgrade and change and do away with school spirit because that’s useless unless we are working to bring the spirit out of each and every student that should be our task.

Sure math is important but no more than art or dance. Let’s give every gift an equal chance. I know this sounds like a dream but let’s get moving because while students may be 20% of our population, they are 100% of our future. So let’s attended to their dreams and there’s no telling what we can achieve this is a world in which I believe.

A world where fish are no longer forced to climb trees.

I rest my case.

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