



The Effective Schools Program is a specific, school-by-school approach to the problem of providing schools which can really educate children in spite of any environmental handicaps they may bring to school with them.

We favor district-wide improvements in the quality of education, of course, but these improvements come so gradually that their impact is lost. In addition to these over-all improvements, a specific number of schools should be singled out each year for drastic, total improvement.

The Effective Schools Program is compensatory education, but not all compensatory education should be included under this heading. The Effective Schools Program is not a pilot or an experiment. At present it is limited to elementary schools. The Effective Schools Program should be initiated in the areas of a district which need it most, but we look forward to the time when ALL schools will be truly effective.

—Simon Beagle, Chairman
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