



## The A.C.E. Plan

At a time in America when people are wanting much more for our children, our schools are struggling on many levels to deliver the results that society wants and needs. For several years, schools have wanted to go beyond the current structure and menu, but have felt held back by rigid tradition and regulations that only pushed more memorization and hyper-testing of limited academic facts. In the meantime, knowledge is *doubling* in the world every *ten* months and getting faster! At a time when pioneers are pushing into the 'unknown' world to discover new cures, designs and products, we can no longer afford to just have students live in the 'land of the known.' We need **pioneers, discoverers, entrepreneurs**...people who create the new products, discoveries, and businesses that open up vast new sets of opportunities for building *wealth* and *greatness*! For that outcome, we'll need a plan for the **transformation** of education into 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning and Innovation Development Centers. Anything less than developing the full potential of every child, every student, is not worthy of our time or money!

And for communities, there needs to be better plans for empowering young people and getting them involved in shaping the destiny of our towns and country. These days, kids are not signing up in record numbers for Boy Scouts/Girls Inc. They may not be racing into local churches or civic club programs. The national average for student involvement in school 'activities' is around 30%. Youth participation in 'community' organizations or service is closer to 15%. We need a better plan to *engage* and *empower* young people to become full partners in civic transformation!

A national commission was created to push the boundaries of what is 'known' in education about engaging **all** students and moving them into full, active learning. We also had the charge to open up the activity plans to provide many more opportunities for *participation* and *leadership development*. We reviewed and discovered the best practices for reducing student behavior problems (*dropout, drug use, violence, academic apathy, teen-driving crashes, teen pregnancy, suicides*), problems that affect classroom learning dynamics and teacher effectiveness every day. We also looked at teacher-training to see elements that might have been ignored or poorly corrected in the past. Needless to say, we found many areas to improve! So, we studied all of the national research, sought the expertise of many of the world's best minds/leaders, and designed new strategies for comprehensive, integrated, sustainable change. All of these had to produce significant, positive results **within two years** to create the kind of schools and kids that we've all been waiting to see. Any plan that did not yield at least a 20% reduction in all negative behaviors, a 30% increase in student leadership and civic activism, and a 50% improvement in hope and belief in a greater America across an entire community...was adjusted and reworked until **all** models were reaching that level of success. The end result was a national action plan - **Adopting Communities for Excellence!**

We are building a national team of experts who can come to your town and guide you through the best transformation process available today. Contact us at (800) 248-6040 and let us save you from misdirected or incomplete efforts. We're ready to help!