

## Suggested Reading and Viewing

*If you enjoyed **School Inc.**,  
you might also enjoy the following books and documentaries:*

### BOOKS

#### ***Market Education: The Unknown History* – Andrew J. Coulson**

Coulson explores the educational problems facing parents and shows how these problems can best be addressed. He begins with a discussion of what people want from their school systems, tracing their views of the kinds of knowledge, skills, and values education should impart, and their concerns over discipline, drugs, and violence in public schools.

-Amazon

#### ***Feds in the Classroom: How Big Government Corrupts, Cripples, and Compromises American Education* – Neal P. McCluskey**

*Feds in the Classroom* will challenge much of the conventional wisdom surrounding federal involvement in education. The author considers all federal activities—legislation, funding, regulations, and judicial oversight—and then makes a cost-benefit and constitutional assessment. -Amazon

#### ***The Beautiful Tree: A Personal Journey Into How the World's Poorest People are Educating Themselves* – James Tooley**

*The Beautiful Tree* recounts Tooley's journey from the largest shanty town in Africa to the hinterlands of Gansu, China. It introduces readers to the families and teachers who taught him that the poor are not waiting for educational handouts. They are building their own schools and educating themselves. -Amazon

#### ***From Village School to Global Brand: Changing the World through Education* – James Tooley**

SABIS® has successfully managed schools for 125 years—including the first charter school to reopen after Katrina—and this fascinating history explains the new paradigm it is spearheading and will appeal to anyone interested in education.

-Amazon

#### ***Public Education Under Siege* – Edited by Michael B. Katz and Mike Rose**

The book's analyses of what are the limits and dangers of our current fascination with markets, testing, blaming and shaming teachers, anti-union sentiment, and similar things are powerfully stated. -Education Review

#### ***E. G. West: Economic Liberalism and the Role of Government in Education* – James Tooley**

What role should government have in education? This book describes and analyzes the work of one economist, Professor E.G. West, whose life's work was focused precisely on this question. -Amazon

#### ***Reinventing Public Education: How Contracting Can Transform America's Schools (Rand Research Study)***

Combining decades of experience in education, the authors propose an innovative approach to solving the problems of our school system and find a middle ground between these extremes. -Amazon

#### ***Reclaiming Education* – James Tooley**

Reclaiming Education tackles the challenges facing education that really matter - the ones that academics often ignore, parents demand solution to and politicians need to confront. -Amazon

## DOCUMENTARIES

### *Free To Choose Vol. 6 - What's Wrong with our Schools*

[http://www.freetochoose.tv/program.php?id=ftc1980\\_6&series=ftc80](http://www.freetochoose.tv/program.php?id=ftc1980_6&series=ftc80)

Parental choice and parental responsibility in the education of children is the U.S. tradition and is consistent with a free society. Centralized government control has eroded freedom and adversely affected the quality of education. The poor help pay for education for the future rich. Friedman has long advocated using vouchers to solve the problem. He explains why. Friedman visits U.S. and Britain.

### *Stand and Deliver*

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0094027/>

The story of Jaime Escalante, a high school teacher who successfully inspired his dropout prone students to learn calculus. -IMDb

### *Waiting for Superman*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yFN0nf6Hqk0>

For a nation that proudly declared it would leave no child behind, America continues to do so at alarming rates. Despite increased spending and politicians' promises, our buckling public-education system, once the best in the world, routinely forsakes the education of millions of children. Filmmaker Davis Guggenheim reminds us that education statistics have names: Anthony, Francisco, Bianca, Daisy, and Emily, whose stories make up the engrossing foundation of *Waiting for Superman*. -YouTube

### *Race to Nowhere*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uem73imvn9Y>

Featuring the heartbreaking stories of young people across the country who have been pushed to the brink, educators who are burned out and worried that students aren't developing the skills they need, and parents who are trying to do what's best for their kids, *Race to Nowhere* points to the silent epidemic in our schools: cheating has become commonplace, students have become disengaged, stress-related illness, depression and burnout are rampant, and young people arrive at college and the workplace unprepared and uninspired. -YouTube