

Funding: Key to Learning in a Student

Designed Environment:

An Annotated Bibliography

Working Thesis: Students in low-funded school districts should have the same opportunity to provide insight on the design of their learning environment.

Brent, Brian O., and Marie Cianca. "Involving Principals In School Renovations: Benefit Or Burden?." *Journal Of Education Finance* 27.2 (2001): 729-740. *Education Full Text (H.W. Wilson)*. Web. 26 Feb. 2016.

In this article, Brian Brent and Marie Cianca evaluate whether or not principals should be involved in school renovations. If principals are heavily involved in the renovation process, they will have less time to focus on their administrative duties. They went in and did a study to see how the principals' duties were affected. The authors recognize that their study is just the tip of the iceberg of how deep analyses could go of their study.

This is a good source for my paper because it comes from a journal specific to education finance. It also shows how education of students and renovations are affected when school officials get involved in the design process. I believe this article to be reliable because it is peer reviewed, scholarly, and detailed with specific data to the conducted study. To today's standards, the source may be a little outdated as it was published in Fall of 2001, but it still could be valuable to the research of my essay.

Darling-Hammond, Linda, and Diane Friedlaender. "Creating Excellent And Equitable Schools." *Educational Leadership*. 65.8 (2008): 14-21. *Education Full Text (H.W. Wilson)*. Web. 26 Feb. 2016.

As the title suggests, this article focuses on creating excellent and equitable schools. The article brings to attention the factory model for schools within cities with crowded classrooms and changes that can be made to improve the schools. The focus in the article is on low-income students. The article talks about how smaller classroom sizes are beneficial to personalized and improved learning. The schools here are the beginning of what could be revolutionary to the learning environment of students.

This is a good source for my essay because it is a peer-reviewed scholarly source making it more credible and reliable. This source seems to be more like a feature in the journal, but it still seems to be fairly detailed. It may be a little outdated as it was published in 2008, but I believe that the article provides good insight on a success story and the steps that were taken to get there so that other schools may follow in their lead. For my essay, this source can provide support on the importance of equitable schools and a possible solution to transforming other schools.

Duncombe, William, and Wen Wang. "School Facilities Funding And Capital-Outlay Distribution In The States." *Journal Of Education Finance* 34.3 (2009): 324-350. *Education Full Text (H.W. Wilson)*. Web. 26 Feb. 2016.

Looking at records from all fifty states, a study was able to develop a relationship between school funding and capital distribution to the states. The article provided support that schools' infrastructures are worsening and are expensive to get to a decent quality

school. The article compares the financial aid funding between each of the fifty states in organized charts. In recent years, states have become more involved in the funding of schools as opposed to previous local districts being in charge.

This article is a good source for my paper because it is reliable. It is a scholarly source that is fairly current as it was published in 2009. The article is very detailed in the distribution of capital and how the states use it to fund their schools. This article would fit into my argument of my paper because it gives insight to where some of the public school funding comes from and provide evidence on how capital is distributed among states as well. This source may help in the process of why schools are not equitably funded.

Sampson, Natalie. "Environmental Justice At School: Understanding Research, Policy, And Practice To Improve Our Children's Health." *Journal Of School Health* 82.5 (2012): 246-252. *Education Full Text (H.W. Wilson)*. Web. 26 Feb. 2016.

This article explain study done to understand children's health and the things that affect their health. The focus of the study was with schools that included low-income communities. The results showed the impact that an unhealthy environment has on a child's education with the learning ability and the energy of that child. The article concludes that funding contributes to the environmental needs that students should have in their classroom.

This is a good source for my paper because it focuses on the environmental justice that schools should have. The article is reliable and scholarly. The author has a Master of Public Health making her knowledgeable in this subject. The article is current as it has been published within the last five years. The article is detailed. It was also fit into my

argument as a whole because it emphasizes the important of the environment of which students learn in and should all have access to.

Sielke, Catherine C. "Funding School Infrastructure Needs Across The States." *Journal Of Education Finance* 27.2 (2001): 653-662. *Education Full Text (H.W. Wilson)*. Web. 26 Feb. 2016.

This article compares funding across the United States of America. The introduction shows how schools were a local responsibility in the beginning, but in order to make schools more equitable, larger government systems started to get involved. The article gives specific data on the amount of funding for each state and how the funding was dispersed. Although the funding for infrastructure has increased, there is still more to be done. The author of this article believes that it is the state's responsibility rather than the local school district.

This source is an article that was published in the scholarly *Journal Of Education Finance*. It is reliable and provides many specific details and references to support the claim of the article. Although the source was published in 2001, it is a reflection on the changes between 1993-4 and 1998-9. Because of this, the source is most likely outdated for my paper, but still could provide valuable patterns to the growing rate of funding needs.