

Dear Gretchen: Early education (five years of age) is not our public education problem. I believe some research has indicated that early education is not all that beneficial and non-early education students catch up in a year or two! We need teachers who are well supervised and rewarded for student achievement. We need curriculum that is disciplined and value centered. We need students who are disciplined and vulgar behavior will not be allowed! We need parents who are notified of the child's progress, and learning, discipline and values needs. Pressure needs to be applied to parents who aren't meeting their child's needs. Our state and local school directors need to assure the curriculum stresses values and strict educational goals. Speech patterns, reading and writing skills, arithmetic, respectful social mores and history, care of their body and the scientific method of synthesis and analysis are primary in educational processes. Most administrators are not getting the job done, school principals need much more involvement and fewer three or five day meetings in far away places!

Nobody said it was going to be easy. If we are going to win we need to be honest and tough!!
God help us!