

# Where to Find It: Resources on Public Education

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There are lots and lots of resources on public education, and on education organizing. It would be impossible to compile a comprehensive list. The materials listed here are some of those that we find most useful. You should also check on the “Education Resources” page of the Center’s Education web pages ([www.communitychange.org/issues/education/resources](http://www.communitychange.org/issues/education/resources)).

If you’d like us to include additional resources or links, please notify us! Contact: [Ldingerson@communitychange.org](mailto:Ldingerson@communitychange.org).

## History

***School: The Story of American Public Education***, Sarah Mondale, editor. Beacon Press, Boston 2002

***The Great School Wars: A History of the New York City Public Schools***. Diane Ravitch. Johns Hopkins University Press 2000

## A Nation At Risk

Read the report of the National Commission on Excellence in Education:

<http://www.ed.gov/pubs/NatAtRisk/risk.html>

[For information on standards, see the Education Commission of the State info pages at: <http://www.ecs.org/ecsmain.asp?page=/html/issues.asp>.]

## No Child Left Behind

For a range of resources on NCLB, see our “No Child Left Behind” web pages at [www.communitychange.org/issues/education/nclb](http://www.communitychange.org/issues/education/nclb)

*An Action Guide for Community and Parent Leaders, Public*

*Education Network, 2002.*

The National Center for Fair and Open Testing focuses on standardized assessments and alternatives to high stakes tests. See their website at [www.fairtest.org](http://www.fairtest.org).

## School Funding

**Money Matters: A Reporter's Guide to School Finance** is a guide to trends and court cases in school finance for reporters. Copies are \$12 and available from the **Education Writers Association**, 2122 P Street, NW Suite 201, Washington, DC 20037. Phone: (202) 452-9830. Fax: (202) 452-9837 E-mail: [ewa@ewa.org](mailto:ewa@ewa.org) Web site: <http://www.ewa.org>

For a state by state comparison of per pupil spending from 1959-60 to 1999-2000, see the NCES table at <http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d02/tables/PDF/table168.pdf>.]

Another excellent source on the funding gap, is the Education Trust. See their report on school funding and inequities at: <http://www2.edtrust.org/NR/rdonlyres/EE004C0A-D7B8-40A6-8A03-1F26B8228502/0/funding2003.pdf>.


National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities: Q & A about IDEA can be found at <http://www.nichcy.org/pubs/newsdig/nd21txt.htm>.

*Twenty-Five Years of Educating Children with Disabilities: The Good News and the Work Ahead*, American Youth Policy Forum and Center on Education Policy, 2002. Report can be found on the web at <http://www.ctredpol.org/specialeducation/25yearseducatingchildren.htm>.

## Reports, Books About Education Organizing

**Organizing for Urban School Reform**, by Dennis Shirley. University of Texas Press, 1997

*Strong Neighborhoods, Strong Schools. The Indicators Project on Education Organizing.* Research for Action, Cross City Cam-



paign for Urban School Reform, March 2002.

*Organizing for School Reform: How Communities are Finding their Voice and Reclaiming their Public Schools*, Institute for Education and Social Policy, Steinhardt School of Education, New York University, October 2002.