



## Retake Our Democracy Transformation Study Group

### RESEARCH INVENTORY [not the research brief "white" paper]

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Research Topic: Reimagining Education

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**A. Introduction/Preliminary Research Objective:** Reimagining education in New Mexico has been recognized as a priority for decades. As Fred Harris (2015) put it in the preface to *New Mexico 2050*, “the most fundamental things we must do in New Mexico . . . is to improve and invest more generously in education outcomes” (xiii). *The preliminary research objective for the topic of reimagining education is to examine how best to facilitate a sea-change in thinking about education in New Mexico in the context of reinventing our relationships with the natural world and with each other.*

#### B. Research Resources:

**1. Title:** *Guardian of Democracy: the civic mission of schools*

- Organization: Leonore Annenberg Institute for Civics, University of Pennsylvania
- URL/Website: [https://media.carnegie.org/filer\\_public/ab/dd/abdda62e-6e84-47a4-a043-348d2f2085ae/ccny\\_grantee\\_2011\\_guardian.pdf](https://media.carnegie.org/filer_public/ab/dd/abdda62e-6e84-47a4-a043-348d2f2085ae/ccny_grantee_2011_guardian.pdf)

❖ **Why This is a Good Resource**, i.e. what is useful in this resource (Needs Statement, Graphics, NM Relevancy, Successful Models, etc.)

- ❖ This 2011 report provides research-based evidence of the decline in civic learning in American schools and presents practices that should be at the heart of every school's approach to civic learning. It also provides recommendations for education policymakers to ensure every student acquires the civic skills and knowledge needed for an informed, engaged citizenry.

**2. Title:** *New Mexico 2050* (Harris, Editor)

- Publisher: University of New Mexico Press

❖ **Why This is a Good Resource**

- ❖ Edited book published in 2015. Includes a chapter on education by Veronica Garcia, Superintendent of Santa Fe Public Schools.

**3. Title:** National Education Policy Center

- Organization: National Education Policy Center
- URL/Website: <https://nepc.colorado.edu/>

❖ **Why This is a Good Resource**

- NEPC is a university research center located at the University of Colorado Boulder School of Education. The goal of NEPC is to provide high-quality information in support of democratic deliberation about education policy. The

Center sponsors research and provides policy briefs. They produce very clear and objective summaries of research from around the country.

**4. Title:** Stages International

- Organization: Stages International
- URL/Website: <https://www.stagesinternational.com/>
- ❖ **Why This is a Good Resource**
  - A resource on the science underlying human development and the application of this science to stages of development

**5. Title:** Cowan Academy in the Humanities

- Organization: Cowan Center for Education at the Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture
- URL/Website: <https://dallasinstitute.org/cowan-center>
- ❖ **Why This is a Good Resource**
  - An educational model built on a strong foundation of liberal education, with a strong focus on the humanities.

**6. Title:** *Nurturing our humanity* (Eisler & Fry, 2019)

- Publisher: Oxford University Press
- ❖ **Why This is a Good Resource**
  - Examines domination and partnership as critical components in shaping our brains and our lives.

**7. Title:** *America's education deficit and the war on youth* (Giroux, H., 2013)

- Publisher: New York Monthly Review
- ❖ **Why This is a Good Resource**
  - A radical critique of the present crisis of democracy and a powerful manifesto on the critical role of public schools in restoring democracy.

**8. Title:** *An everyone culture* (Kegan & Lahey, 2016)

- Publisher: Harvard Business Review Press
- ❖ **Why This is a Good Resource**
  - This book examines the process of becoming a deliberately developmental organization and, by extension, provides a pathway towards a developmentally-based education system.

**9. Title:** *Reinventing organizations* (LaLoux, 2014)

- Publisher: Nelson Parker Publishing
- ❖ **Why This is a Good Resource**
  - A useful resource for guiding a process of reimagining education

**10. Title:** *The end of education* (Postman, 1995)

- Publisher: Vintage Books
- ❖ **Why This is a Good Resource**, i.e. what is useful in this resource (Needs Statement, Graphics, NM Relevancy, Successful Models, etc.)
  - A sweeping analysis of the crisis in education and a call for redefining the value of school. Great relevance at this time.

**C. Creative:** (Videos, music, dance, art, theatre)

1. Brisbane Independent School, Brisbane, Australia, <http://www.bis.qld.edu.au/>
  - This school has designed an elementary “Expedition Learning Framework” that moves children forward in their development and learning by definitive stages of development. Teachers create curriculum to teach to the development level of the child.
  
2. Tips for teaching about Native Peoples
  - This video is a useful starting point for considering the challenges of revising an education system that does justice to the original inhabitants of this land.  
<https://www.burkemuseum.org/education/learning-resources/tips-teaching-about-native-peoples>