

BRIEF: Quoting the PickensPlan on Education

Energy and Education in the US? What is the connection?

Quotes below are from www.PickensPlan.com. This is a website that functions as a vehicle for original and forward looking energy proposals elaborated by oil man and financier T. Boone Pickens.

In these quotes from the website, we can see a connection between the lack of a US comprehensive energy policy and how much education our dollars, (if we could avoid importing oil for our energy needs), could buy.

Take the same money and spend it on education, not on importing oil, and you get:

“With the money the US spent on foreign oil in April 2009, we could hire over 364,000 new teachers nationwide”

“With the money projected to be spent on foreign oil in 2009 the US could build 32,407 new elementary schools”

–PickensPlan

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What kind of education do Americans need today?

Craig Barrett, former CEO of Intel Corp., serves as co-chair of Achieve, a nonprofit, bipartisan education reform organization. The quote below is excerpted from an Op-Ed Piece written by Barrett, "The Case for Common Educational Standards", published in The Wall Street Journal on April 6, 2010.

"The world has changed considerably in the past century, and our [American] education system must keep pace. In 1950, 60% of all jobs were classified as "unskilled" and available to those with high school diplomas or less, according to research published by the Education Testing Services. Now, more than 80% of jobs are skilled, requiring education and training beyond high school, according to research published by the Brookings Institution [a Washington, DC based think tank]. For example, to work on the manufacturing floor at Intel today, an employee must have an associate degree or higher".

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