


The Future of Accountability

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What Is Accountability?



What is accountability?

Wordcloud Poll 33 responses  28 participants



Accountable (adj.):

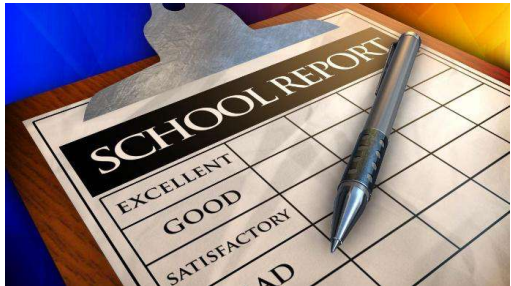
“subject to the **obligation** to **report, explain**, or **justify** something; responsible; **answerable**.”



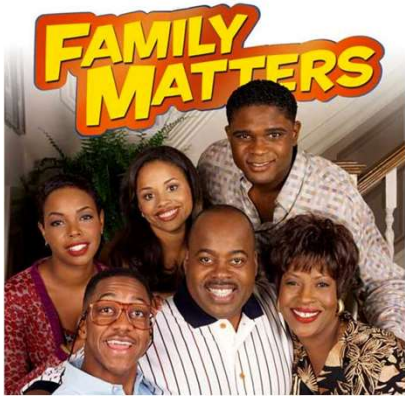
Key Question: Accountability for What and to Whom?



Financial



Academic



THE ACCOUNTABILITY MYTH

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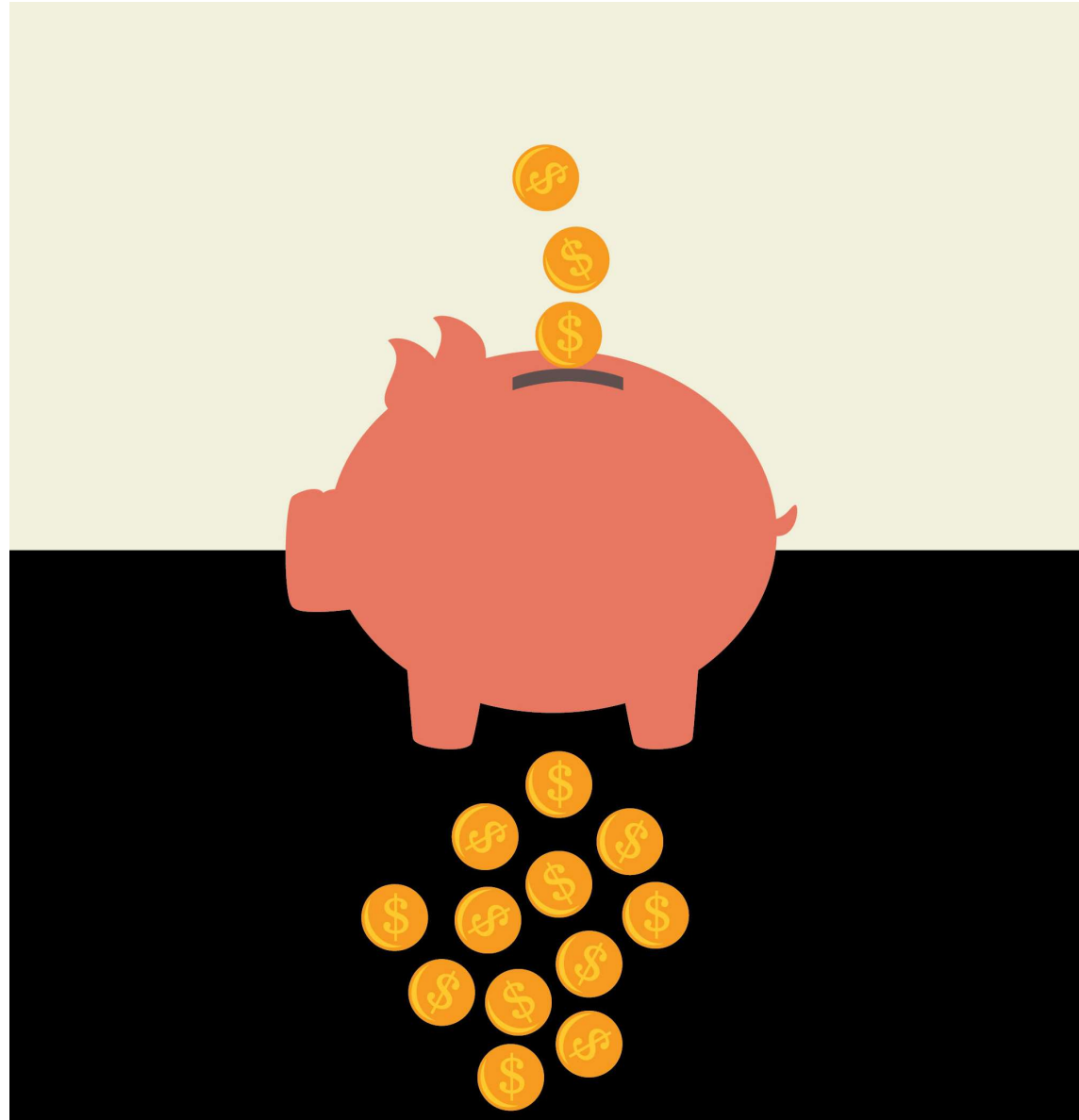


Traditional public school accountability:

The **three ways** that public schools talk
about accountability

Financial Accountability:

Schools should be responsible for how they use the money they are given and should be ready to account for what has been spent and how.



Democratic Accountability:

Since schools are funded by the community writ large, they should be able to account for how they are reflecting the wishes of that community. Are they teaching what the community believes should be taught? Are they organizing schools in ways that the community agrees to? Are they spending the community's money in ways that comport with the community's wishes?



Educational Accountability:

Schools should take responsibility for the quality of the education that the students in their charge receive. They should be able to demonstrate that students are mastering what they are supposed to be learning.

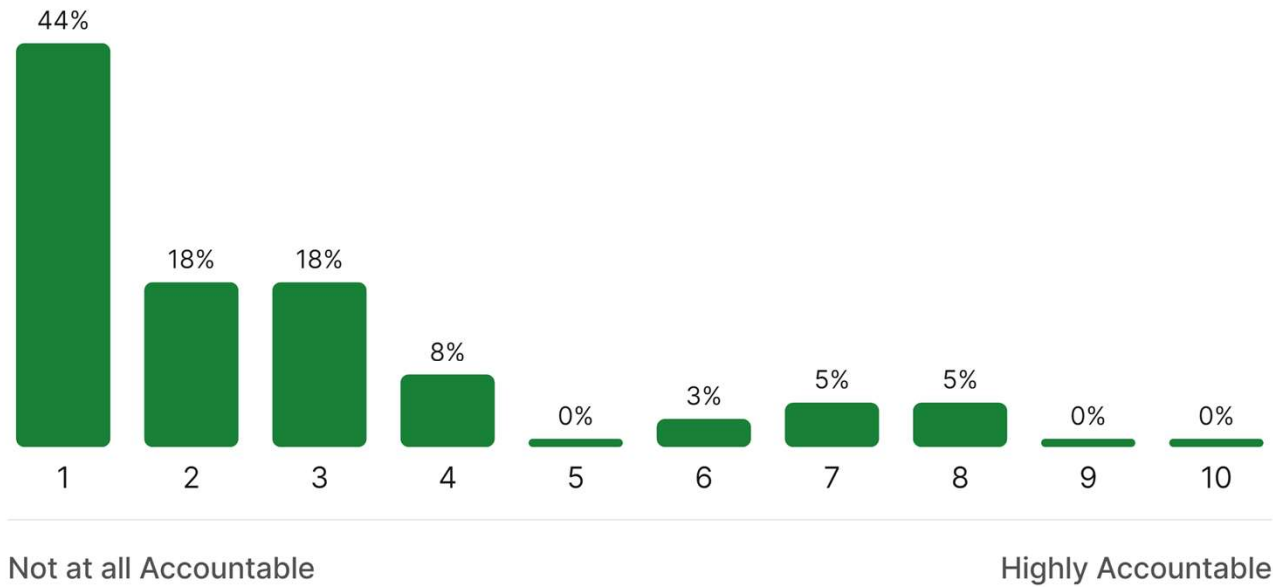




On a scale of 1-10, how FINANCIALLY accountable do you think traditional public schools are?

Rating Poll 39 votes 39 participants

Score: 2.6




A photograph of a woman sitting on the floor in a classroom, reading a book to a group of children. The scene is dimly lit with a blue tint. In the background, there is a table with a globe and other educational items. The text "How are existing choice programs accountable now?" is overlaid in white. In the top right corner, there is a decorative graphic of purple and white squares.





















**How are existing
choice programs
accountable now?**


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**What should the
future of
accountability
look like?**


















 If you could design the next school accountability system, how would schools be measured?

Open text poll  37 responses  30 participants

-  Anonymous
Quality and quantity of programming, options for
-  Anonymous
Putting the needs of kids above adults
-  Anonymous
Bullying, grooming in school. Reading and math performance.
-  Anonymous
Christian
-  Anonymous
Responsiveness to parental directive
-  Anonymous
Abolish School Boards
-  Anonymous
Their excitement to learn
-  Anonymous
College and career readiness
-  Anonymous
Can they read fluently Can they hold a job
-  Anonymous
Return on investment
-  Anonymous
Do not know
-  Anonymous
Critical thinking
-  Anonymous
JOY
-  Anonymous
Highly Effective Teachers
-  Anonymous
They would desire to learn/return
-  Anonymous
Kids excited for school
-  Anonymous
Mastery of subject
-  Anonymous
Lifetime of learning
-  Anonymous
Student success after graduation
-  Anonymous
Demonstrating proficiency and/or mastery

 If you could design the next school accountability system, how would schools be measured?

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-  Anonymous
Ability to think.
-  Anonymous
Preparing children to meet the challenges of life
-  Anonymous
Progress year over year
-  Anonymous
My child's level of curiosity, ability to think critically, service and community oriented
-  Anonymous
Workforce readiness
-  Anonymous
Satisfaction of the customer (parents)
-  Anonymous
Results on jobs placement success
-  Anonymous
Responsiveness to parents
-  Anonymous
Literacy Rate
-  Anonymous
Learning for learning's sake
-  Anonymous
The satisfaction of a child's learning to their full potential.
-  Anonymous
Testing
-  Anonymous
Mastery of material
-  Anonymous
A child happy to learn
-  Anonymous
Graduation rates
-  Anonymous
Student outcomes
-  Anonymous
Educational attainment