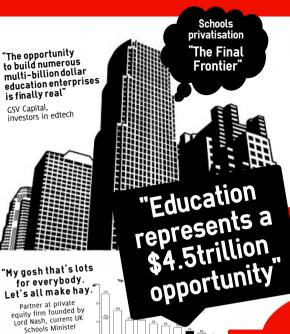
What is happening to our schools and why?



Academies: high stakes testing: cuts to the curriculum, staff and budgets. Our school system is undergoing massive change. How to make sense of what is happening?

The reforms are part of a push by business and investors to open up public education budgets to the private sector. And they're not just happening in the UK. School systems around the world are now seen as an opportunity to make money. The opening up of public education systems to private companies has been described by investors as 'the final frontier' for privatisation.

This handout sketches out the education reforms and (over) how teachers and parents are responding.

BUSINESS & INVESTORS SEE GLOBAL PUBLIC **EDUCATION BUDGETS AS A SOURCE OF PROFIT**

> BUT. REFORMS ARE NEEDED BEFORE THEY CAN ACCESS SCHOOL BUDGETS

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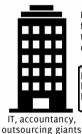
THE ROAD TO REFORM...

Privatise the

'Academy chief paid £400,000!' management of schools

All schools 'academise' and join privately run chains





For-profit firms tied to school chains

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'Flagship academy's business links probed'

School chains farm out the running of schools to private firms

Education is redefined as being all about narrow test scores

'Academy chain ditches Creative subjects and Cuts jobs'

Pupil data handed to

Teachers are seen as a major barrier to the corporate reform of schools

The role of teachers, their identity as teachers, has to change fundamentally.

Global Education Leaders' Partnership, industry-funded lobby group for school reform run by ex-adviser to Tony Blair and a former DIE official

Experienced teachers replaced with a more data-literate workforce evidence tech

helps learning!

...AND

Commercial products are sold to schools and parents that promise to raise test scores (which is now all that counts in education)



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\$6.5bn



"We believe

technology

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"The seepage of technology into the [school] system works slowly but inexorably to undermine the power of the teachers unions. With their power to resist weakened, the floodgates will be opened - not only for high-tech innovation, but also a wide range of reforms.

From 'Liberating Learning' by Chubb & Moe, a book advocating market reform of education that Michael Gove described as 'excellent'.

In 10 years children may spend more time at home, logging into virtual schools... If we had effective technology we could have fewer teachers

Joel Klein, ex-New York schools chief; ex-head of Rupert Murdoch's edtech firm and a 'superstar' according to Michael Gove.



will shape Microsoft the future of education' amazon

