

Uniting Forces To Improve Education

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"To Strengthen Public Education"

Forces Affecting American Education, the 1953 ASCD yearbook, directed our attention to the need for uniting efforts of both individuals and groups now working to improve education. This publication has given intelligent consideration to many of the forces now affecting education. It is proving to be helpful to both educators and laymen as they work together in developing better educational programs in the schools of their communities.

We hope that this column will be a means of keeping us aware of the way these forces are being harnessed to strengthen public education. In an effort to inform every person concerned with school improvement about developments, the Executive Committee has established this column for regular appearance in *Educational Leadership*. Closely allied with this column will be an ASCD continuing committee on Forces Affecting American Education.

During the coming months we hope to print the views of two or three individuals on topics pertinent to the improvement of education. Other columns will be devoted to short accounts of how united forces are functioning. While brief items dealing with forces which are operating on the national level will be included in the column, we are especially desirous of securing information about activities on the local level which are helping to deepen understandings between the schools and the communities which they serve. Thumbnail sketches of incidents where local support for public education is being strengthened by the close cooperation of the school and community will be especially welcomed.

If you are engaging in some cooperative endeavor in your community, or know others who are doing work of this nature, will you please write, or encourage them to write, something about these projects which will call them to the attention of others who may find them helpful? The articles should be 400 to 600 words in length. We would like to have contributions from lay as well as professional persons. Please mail these materials and any other comments or suggestions you may have concerning this department to the column editor.

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