I have had children attend both private and public grade school and high school. I can tell you that the private schools are far and above the education of the public school system. My children that attended private school are articulate and very well rounded. My children that attended public schools are not. The public system seems to focus on politics and not teaching. The people who have children in private schools also fund interscholastic activities through their tax dollars. So why not let them participate? Also private schools allow outside social services to help the children where as public schools do not. Private school in actuality save the government money by taking the children out of the public schools. In addition the children that attend private schools are far less likely to commit crime and are more beneficial to society as a whole. Maybe the public schools should be ran by the private school system and we would get a better product from our school system. I think we should defund the Department of Education. They are not providing an employable product, they should be fired.