

Book Review: With the Best Intentions

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"I do not believe the one-size-fits-all model really works. The James Irvine Foundation decided on \$70,000,000 to support high schools in California that offer high-quality career education. We had to show there are multiple pathways to create students' own sense of a future."

---Anne Stanton. James Irvine Foundation

"We have funded 750 high-school improvement efforts."

---Tom Vander Ark. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

"We still do not know very much about reforming a large struggling high school. Second only to changing the educational experiences of young people, the next most important thing---that Bill and Melinda's contribution does---is help the field of philanthropy to learn from success, and most importantly, learn from failure."

---Tom Vander Ark. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

"At the end of this decade [2001-2010] there should exist a body of knowledge---about high schools---that did not exist before 2000."

---Tom Vander Ark. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

"High school students in affluent families increasingly---over the past 30 years---had access to college experiences in high school while other high school students have not."

---Tom Vander Ark. Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

"This new investment by the Gates Foundation and its partners---Ford, Carnegie, the Open Society Institute, New Visions for Public Schools, and close to 100 other organizations---is creating new options in urban high schools. It would be difficult, impractical, expensive, and ineffective for Gates Foundation to be doing this work

alone."

---Tom Vander Ark. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

"Specifically, Gates and partners are demonstrating that all high-school students can do rigorous school work when they are 17 or 18."

---Tom Vander Ark. Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

"The Gates Foundation's goal is not to create small high schools---something that is often misunderstood. The goal is to increase college enrollment and graduation from college."

---Tom Vander Ark. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

"Gates Foundation is not ideological about attacking the problems of high schools.. We are trying to attack in many different ways---including 'early college' high schools that make it possible for students to graduate from high school with one semester---or more---of college credits."

---Tom Vander Ark. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

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