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We throw money at education but system still isn't working

Not enough money spent on education? America's annual spending for K-12 is \$809.6 billion, the highest among 11 other developed countries, while we rank ninth in science and math according to the University of California. The **Cato Institute**, a Washington think tank, states that American schools' organizing principal "is basically the same as that of a socialist economy" meaning central control for education. The concept worked well for Russia, right?

Americans think we can buy an education. Locally, per-student costs are high (results poor), as reflected in our property taxes. Hundreds of parents opt out in favor of private or home school, yet are compelled to contribute to a system not trusted. A quality education requires student interest and motivation, parental involvement and a stimulating environment. The electorate are criticized for resistance to more spending, yet vote for million-dollar bonds to build and maintain costly facilities. The system is not working. Teacher unions don't help.

Rent the movie "Waiting for Superman." Resistance to change will be great but to do nothing is failure.

-- William Ahrens