

## ***ZOOM***

### **A Solution to Bad Students, Bad Teachers and Bad Teaching.**

Over the last year we have experienced something new. A stay-at-home policy induced by COVID. An archaic knee-jerk policy, politically created and contrary to our historical norms when addressing contagious diseases. However, that draconian stay-at-home dictum did create an unintended silver lining. A lining that provided a method and opportunity to correct the unchecked takeover of our children's education.

That policy forced working parents and their children to remain "unnaturally" in the same environment all day long. A most unusual environment that had parents working remotely from home at the same time students were attending school class remotely, from home. There, under the same roof, parent and child alike went on with their daily duties remotely by computer. Dad and Mom collaborating and participating in conference calls, and kids attending class and interacting with teachers remotely using a product called Zoom.

*Zoom* will go down as the Educational Rosetta Stone of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Century. There in the confines of their home, mush-melon kids sat in front of a computer screen listening to the teacher conduct the day's course. That very scenario also provided the parent an opportunity to listen in. And boy did they!

Parent listened firsthand how and what their children were being taught, none of which resembled the reading, writing and arithmetic they were promised. Parents began to realize that promise was nothing more than snake oil pontificated by our liberal biased educational power brokers. From the administrators to the teachers, in lockstep with the same hideous objective. The indoctrination of your child to hate America, love Socialism and re-write history.

Based on the current outpouring and wide spread attendance at school board meetings by pissed off parents, the depiction was been reviled. Reviled because parents were able to "sit in" and listen to what their child was being taught. Civics be damned!

*Zoom* did it. There in the sanctity of the home, a parent heading to the kitchen for more coffee or the bathroom for relief or just a break between conference calls, was able to attend their child's classroom not to watch, but to listen. All at a moment's notice, without purpose or plan. Just walking by the child's computer screen as they would Macy's sidewalk window.

Three take-a-ways become apparent to the parent with *Zoom*. They could observe how and what the teacher was teaching. They could observe how their child was participating and interacting to what was being taught and they could observe the classroom environment with the other students. Talk about supervision! *Zoom* gave the parent the opportunity to see and hear real time when the teacher had gone off script; when their child was not paying attention or struggling with a topic and when other students were disruptive to the classroom environment.

COVID also created a "paid" platform that remains functional. So, let's leverage *Zoom* and keep it in place. The classroom, teachers and students can continue to assemble for daily classes in school, but the *Zoom* session continues. For who? Well, any child that is sick and cannot physically attend class can attend from home just like the past year. Wow that means no more snow days or makeup days. Ridesharing or missing the bus is no longer an issue and the parent gets to watch a "replay" of any class attended by his child.

My oh my! What is the teacher going to do knowing any parent can be listening, unannounced and at any time? What is the child going to do knowing their parent is watching them? What better evidence to eject unruly children from the classroom. Imagine, the parent comes home from work and there is a *Zoom* with a summary of topics covered, homework assignments, test and event schedules. Gone are the days of asking children if they have assignment or homework. Parents should no longer have to wonder why the teacher is asking for a conference. Now, even the parent could leave a message to the teacher.

And what would be the cost of putting the Parent back in control of this. Nothing, its already there. Thank you COVID.