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The December 2020 Covid relief package includes 82 BILLION dollars for education as in K-12 schools and Colleges. I was just shocked when I read that today. Schools are either open closed or being attended via a Zoom online session.

My favorite restaurant is on life support and my favorite waitress is no longer employed. We all know people who have suffered in the past months due to business closings and reduced hours. Many of us have been helping others as much as we can without fanfare or recognition.

Are the schools and colleges really financially impacted by the virus? They still have the tax dollars (federal and local) flooding their bank account. These institutions have a curriculum of "Social Justice". It is their contention that America is not socially just. That we need more equality when it comes to wealth and treatment throughout our society. Yet they and their lobbyists and union groups plead with Congress to hand over 82 BILLION dollars to the Education Industrial Complex, while tossing a few hundred dollars to the restaurant workers. So much for social justice.

Every taxpayer should remember this the next time the school board proposes a property tax hike, school bond or tuition increase. Every taxpayer should consider increasing the tips for having that meal served and for your next hair cut. Those workers can't count on elected officials from keeping the doors to the restaurant and barber shop open. Nor will those officials help to support workers whose jobs and hours were cut by those same officials.

If schools and colleges are going to engage in "Social Justice" as a focal point of their curriculum, then we taxpayers ought to teach them our view of Social Justice and transfer the 82 BILLION to those who actually were put out of work.