



Tomorrow's News Today

News From the Tomorrow River School District

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Educational Tax Incentives

Apparently, using tax incentives as a motivational force, the government feels it has helped citizens plan for retirement, support charities, buy homes, and promote energy conservation. They now believe that education in our country might be improved through implementation of some interesting, though a bit controversial, tax related concepts. Again, I could have this all wrong, but rumor has it that the following concepts are being considered:

- Test students on January 1 and again on December 31 on a national competency test. Taxes will be determined on a sliding scale in relation to the achievement children have on this test. Parents who wish to reduce their taxes need only to assure that their children succeed in school.
- For every day that children are absent from school without a physician's note, add \$20 to the taxes of his/her family.
- Teachers will have the social security numbers of all parents. Parents who are non-cooperative, unsupportive, or cause undue stress to the nation's educators are reported to the IRS. These parents will automatically have their taxes doubled. I know, harsh.
- The "fifth step" of every discipline policy in schools throughout the nation would be to turn the "pink copy" in to the IRS. The families of these students will be assessed an additional tax.
- Every audit will consist of input from the individual's first grade teacher. The auditor will determine whether the individual is being accurate in their statements based upon this teacher's assessment of their character and moral fiber.
- With the demands put upon educators for the well being, development of character, and general upbringing of children, teachers should be able to claim some students as dependents.

Well, perhaps the above ideas are just figments of an overactive imagination. If not, it is good that we have such supportive community members and families in our District.

However, there may be families and individuals in other districts who might want to start looking for a good accountant. I could be way off base here, but I've heard that Congress has some changes in the tax law in mind.