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### Schools Pay Students to Learn

#### For Discussion

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- 1 What is an incentive? A prize given when one reaches a goal to help motivate them.
- 2 What is capitalism? An economic system in which investment in and ownership of the means of production, distribution, and exchange of wealth is made and maintained chiefly by private individuals or corporations.
- 3 Do all students need incentives from parents/teachers to motivate them to learn? No
- 4 Are bigger allowances, gold stars, candy, etc. sufficient motivation for some students? Yes
- 5 What is the difference between parents paying their children money for academic achievements and schools paying them? The parents are the ones motivating the children to do well in school when they pay their children, while when the school pays them, they are wanting the children to get a better education and create a better future for themselves.
- 6 Is it OK for schools to pay students if their parents cannot afford to? Is this fair to all students? What about students whose parents could afford to pay but choose not to? What about the students who are self-motivated learners? Yes it would be fair to pay them. Yes it would be fair to all of them. No it wouldn't be fair to pay people that choose not to if they can afford it. Yes it would be fair to the self-motivated learners.
- 7 What is the difference between motivation and bribery? Motivation is helping a person along in order to reach a goal, while bribery has a bad side to it, where its giving something to someone in order to do something bad.
- 8 Do you think that cash rewards for learning would instill the wrong values in kids? Yes
- 9 Would cash incentives be effective in your school? Would they have a lasting impact on student achievement? Yes. Yes.
- 10 Does it matter whether cash incentives are paid for by private donations or with tax dollars? It doesn't matter.

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