

Broadly speaking, then, the conditions essential to a real education, are: stimulating, healthful, moral surroundings for the child everywhere and every day; less politics and meddling, more of true science and art of education in the average school; small classes in which each child may be really educated as an individual human being; well educated teachers in every grade, and a strong professional spirit in the whole teaching staff; genuine and unflagging cooperation on the part of the fathers and mothers; and much more generous support from the public to whom the public schools belong.

—James Phinney Munroe.