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## Finnish Lessons 2.0

What Can the World Learn from Educational Change in Finland?

Second Edition

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