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Finnish Lessons 1.0

PISA

Program for International Student Assessment

2000		2003		2006		2009	
Reading literacy		Mathematics		Science		Reading	
1.	Finland 546	1.	Finland 544	1.	Finland 563	1.	China (Shanghai) 556
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3.	New Zealand 529	3.	Netherlands 538	3.	Japan 531	3.	Finland 536
4.	Australia 528	4.	Japan 534	4.	New Zealand 530	4.	Hong Kong, China 533
5.	Ireland 527	5.	Canada 532	5.	Australia 527	5.	Singapore 526
6.	South Korea 525	6.	Belgium 529	6.	Netherlands 525	6.	Canada 524
7.	United Kingdom 523	7.	Switzerland 527	7.	South Korea 522	7.	New Zealand 521
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17.	Switzerland 494	17.	Ireland 503	17.	Poland 498	17.	United States 500
18.	Spain 493	18.	Slovakia 498	18.	Denmark 496	18.	Liechtenstein 499
19.	Czech Republic 492	19.	Norway 495	19.	France 495	19.	Sweden 497
20.	Italy 487	20.	Luxembourg 493	20.	Iceland 491	20.	Germany 497
21.	Germany 484	21.	Poland 490	21.	United States 489	21.	Ireland 496
22.	Hungary 480	22.	Hungary 490	22.	Slovakia 488	22.	France 496
23.	Poland 479	23.	Spain 485	23.	Spain 488	23.	Taiwan 495
24.	Greece 474	24.	United States 483	24.	Norway 487	24.	Denmark 495
25.	Portugal 470	25.	Italy 466	25.	Luxembourg 486	25.	United Kingdom 494

There is another way to become a world-class education system than following the false promises of GERM.

Finnish Lessons 2.0


Facts and myths about Finnish schools

MYTH #1: Finnish students have no homework


Michael Moore was wondering how Finland was able to against all odds beat other countries to become number one in international education rankings. "That was the one question I wanted to answer to," he says in the movie while walking in the corridor leading to the office of the minister of education in Helsinki. "Before I could say anything," he says, "she blurted out their top secret." The minister said: "They don't have homework."

There's No Homework in Finland

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**THERE'S NO
HOMEWORK IN
FINLAND**

Finland -

Nordic education is often held up as a shining example of best practices. Students are given a great deal of freedom, can pursue interests, and teachers are held up as shining examples to be emulated. And this is a good

MYTH #2:

We need to find the best and the brightest to teach

"We need to attract the best and brightest to join the profession. Teachers are the key in today's knowledge economy, where a good education is an essential foundation for every child's future success."

- OECD TALIS (2017)

Teaching needs to attract best and brightest

By Tony Vidler
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When it comes to education nothing is simple, everyone wants the best and most stakeholders aren't satisfied. Australian students need to be internationally competitive and also globally aware and empathetic. Most importantly, every Australian student should appreciate and value their education and feel proud to be Australian. In order for this to happen we must ensure we attract the best and brightest minds to the teaching profession.

Judging from the release of the university placements on Wednesday and the La Trobe University's Mildura campus ATAR cutoff of 51.8, this is not happening.



MYTH #3: Finland is scrapping curriculum subjects

“Which makes it all the more remarkable that Finland is about to embark on one of the most radical education reform programmes ever undertaken by a nation state – scrapping traditional “teaching by subject” in favour of “teaching by topic”.

- The Independent, 15 March 2015

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With Finland radically reforming the way its children are taught, Richard Garner visits Helsinki to find out if the teachers approve

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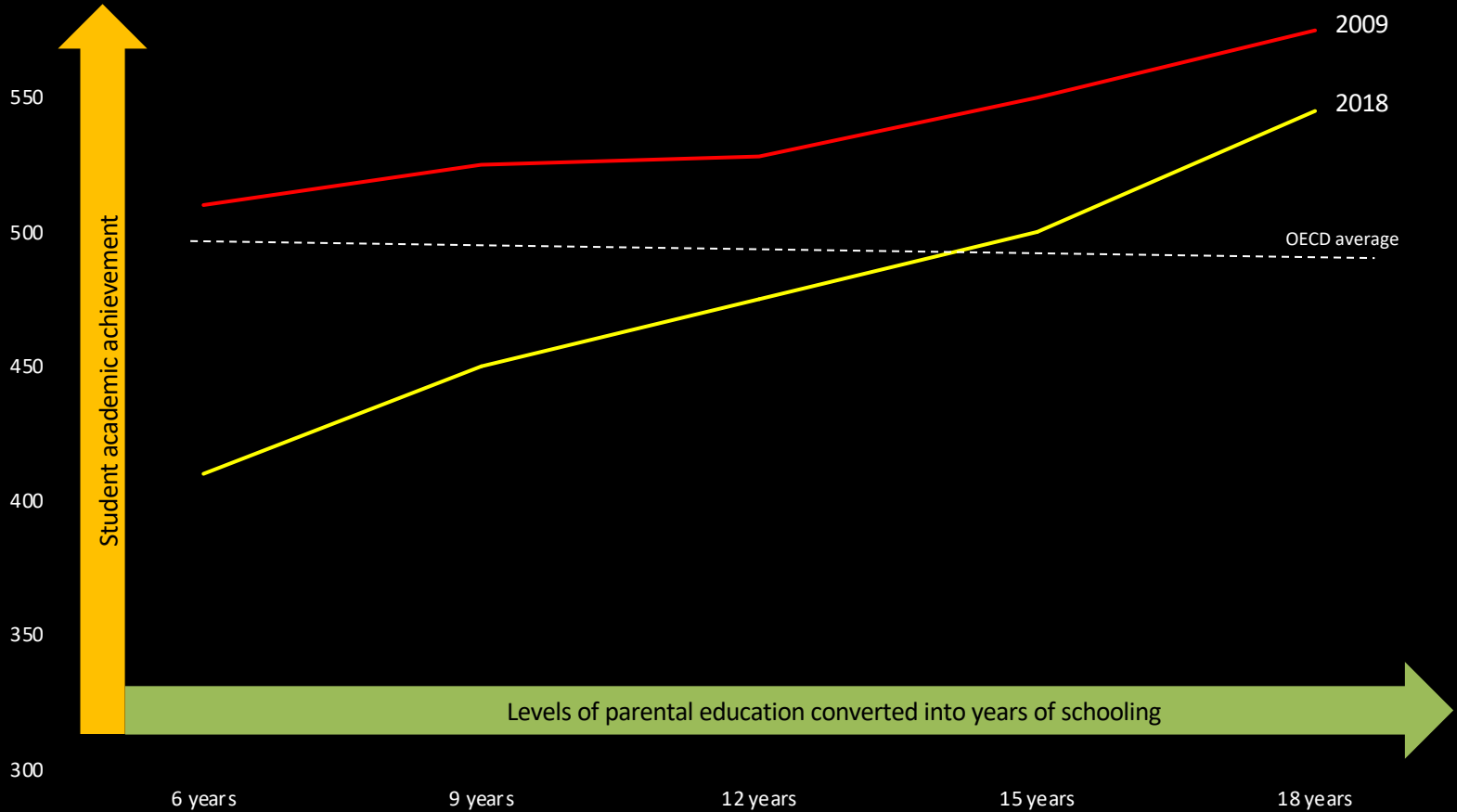
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Finnish Lessons 3.0

Average National PISA Score in reading, mathematics and science vis-a-vis Levels of Parental Education in Finland in 2009 and 2018



Rather than learning from its own experiences in decades past, Finland has not revisited or recreated the distinctive blend—the cycle of experimentation and reflection—which in a few decades transported it from an educational backwater to a nation in a leadership position in the world of K–12 education. We might say it is no longer functioning as a “learning system.”

- Howard Gardner in his Foreword to Finnish Lessons 3.0

Education system needs to be more flexible, creative and resilient that requires smarter professional collaboration and stronger student engagement across the system.

Lessons 1

Invest in equity as a priority in education policies and in school improvement.

“The pandemic has amplified educational and social inequalities across the globe. Equity-focused education policies prioritise universal early childhood education and care, whole-child approach in pedagogy, healthy school meals for all, and play as a basic right of each and every child.”

Lessons 2

Encourage teaching and learning through play.

“Play is perhaps the cheapest and easiest way to enhance wellbeing, engagement and productivity of teaching for 21st century learning in every school.”

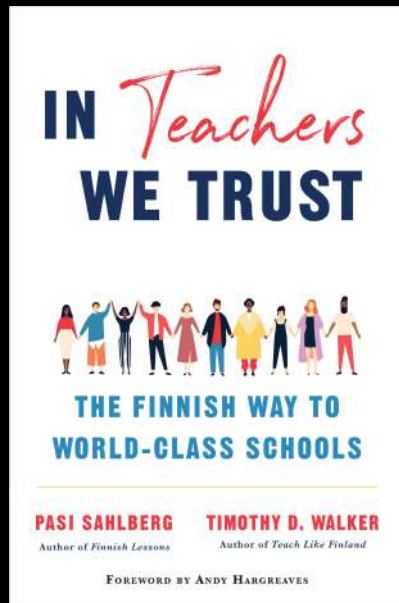
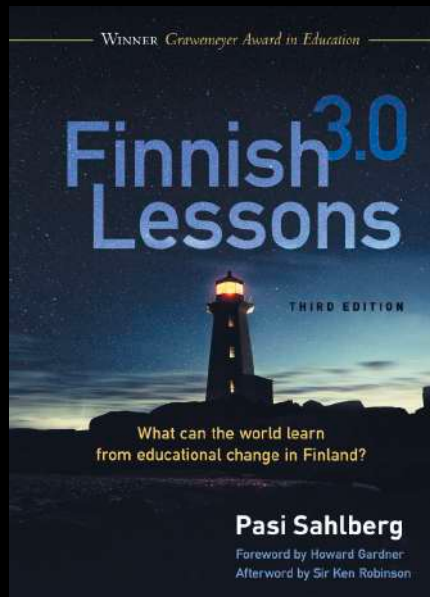
Lessons 3

Build trust.

“Treat others with dignity. Trust teachers and students to make leadership decisions, giving them a voice and respecting their agency.

Remind people around you that Ernest Hemingway said, “The best way to find out if you can trust somebody is to trust them.”

THANK YOU!



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