

Submission for the Fenway News Contest  
“Silver Linings IDEAS FOR A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD”  
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**PUBLIC EDUCATION CAN BE EQUITABLE FOR ALL**

**Federal / State:**

- Fund through a state/federal pool, with more money going towards districts with higher need.
- Remove police and metal detectors.
- End exams and special applications for all public schools.
- Offer a student-centered approach for autistic students:
  - better sensory supports
  - alternatives to ABA
  - early screening for hyperlexia
  - teach social skills as if they were a second language Hire more disabled teachers and/or diverse teaching staff.
- Offer school curriculums that are anti-racist, and are respectful to disabled students.
- Fund schools to be ADA compliant In-district: End tracking.
- Offer advanced work to all students.
- Have a foundation budget for all schools, with additional funds added for individual student needs.
- Provide equal access to schools with high test scores for all neighborhoods.
- Cap fund raising for schools at \$10,000 per school; any amount over that goes into a larger fund to benefit all schools.