Why are school lunch rooms so similar to prison lunch rooms?

Why does “physical education” translate to “let’s play sports!”?

Technological innovation is upon us, but why isn’t it used more in the classroom?

Learning is hard work as it is, why are there so many distractions and limitations?

Nothing exists without its relationship to other things, so why are children taught by subject?

Things change, so why not plan for them in the beginning and allow for flexibility?

public education needs to change.

we need to rethink our educational models.

we need a new model.

hands-on project-based learning
accessible education for all walks of life
focus on the future and how we effect it

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