ELSJ Writing Assessment

Please use the following prompt to help us understand your thinking about improving PK-12 education. Be specific. Cite examples from your own work where appropriate. Please do not exceed 10 pages.

Longitudinal national data continues to provide evidence that public K-12 schools graduate large numbers of students who are not adequately prepared (e.g., for continued education, the world of work, and/or democratic citizenry).

- What do you see as the root causes of this problem?
- What can or should leaders in public K-12 education do to alter the status of U.S. schools so that currently underachieving students perform well academically?
- In what ways do you see pursuit of the Ed.D. in Educational Leadership as an avenue for you to contribute to needed changes in your role as a leader?

EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Representation of the issue
- Links between leadership, school improvement, doctoral work and professional goals.
- Discussion of causes
- References to equity
- Identification of needed changes
- Quality of arguments

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