

Don Berg discusses disengagement, fauxachievement and shallow learning that can be easily fixed in our education system

Receiving international recognition by the 2023 INDEPENDENT PRESS AWARD, Don Berg discusses education issues that can be easily fixed in our education system.

BROOKLYN, NY, UNITED STATES, April 4, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Gabby Olczak, President of the [INDEPENDENT PRESS AWARD](https://www.independentpressaward.com/), spoke with multi award-winning author Don [Berg](https://www.donberg.com/) about his incredible book "Schooling For Holistic Equity: How To Manage the Hidden Curriculum for K-12." The full interview can be found at <https://thegabtalks.com/> as well as on iHeart Radio, [Spotify](https://open.spotify.com/artist/donberg), Apple Podcasts, etc.

Don Berg speaks about the student and teacher "Engagement Gap", and proclaims it a more solvable and impactful issue for education.

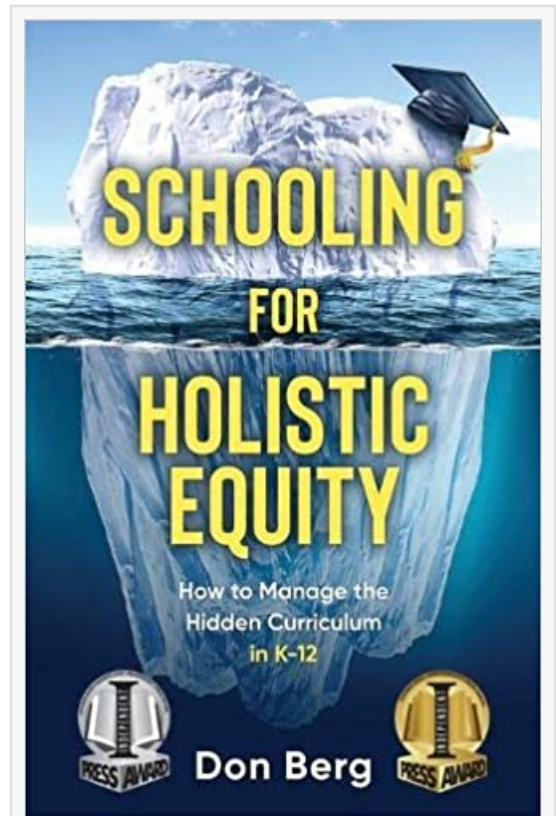
Berg states that there is no question that the American education system is in crisis. There is a significant risk that the mainstream school system will cheat children out of some - if not all - of the education they deserve because a pervasive, hidden curriculum utterly fails to support the well-being of students and educators. Students are expected to act like data-processing machines, but real human beings do not act like machines. In his groundbreaking book "Schooling for Holistic Equity," Berg explores the reasons for current high levels of student and teacher disengagement, the disconnect between educational goals and results, and the "fauxachievement" and shallow learning that prove woefully inadequate in preparing students



for higher education or the workforce.

A psychological researcher with more than twenty years of experience in education, Berg lays out the foundation for a scientific understanding of deeper learning grounded in Self-Determination Theory and the primary human needs of autonomy, competence, and relatedness. He shows how the central problem in our schools has less to do with academic instruction and more to do with the psychology of learning. His model for educational design, called Catalytic Pedagogy, is a comprehensive plan to bring about large-scale, systems-level change.

Psychological research shows us how to engage and motivate people, and recognizing human needs provides us with the exact guidance necessary to proceed as effective learners and teachers. Schools should be - and can be - joyful places where passionate teachers teach enthusiastic students. It's time for a transformation in education, and Berg's trailblazing model shows us the way.



Schooling For Holistic Equity Book Cover

The 2023 INDEPENDENT PRESS AWARD recognized "Schooling For Holistic Equity: How To Manage the Hidden Curriculum for K-12" by Don Berg as the Winner in the category of Psychology, and as a Distinguished Favorite in the category of Education.

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Angeles; Halifax to London; from Cape Town to Mumbai; from Albuquerque to New York City as well as others.

“We are proud to announce the winners and distinguished favorites in our annual 2023 INDEPENDENT PRESS AWARD. This year included an array of quality and diverse independent

books,” Olczak said. “Independent publishing is pushing on every corner of the earth with great content. We are thrilled to be highlighting key titles representing global independent publishing.” said awards sponsor Gabrielle Olczak.

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