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A 3-D Education: Dull, Duller, Dullest

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Dull, duller, dullest: the 3-D words that describe life in schools without music, art and phy.ed. Perhaps they will also describe the students who attend. Where are the jobs these days that require only a bare-bones education? I suspect they have gone the same route as the skeleton — to the graveyards of big industry or to some third-world country.

Will students in today's schools be more attracted by a 3-D education? Will attendance and graduation rates (already dismal) go up? Not likely. Will students who have "ants in their pants" or have limited attention and focus problems be better off? Ask the parents and teachers.

When we offer an impoverished array of school subjects, we create a generation of impoverished students who are unequipped with the tools of flexibility, creativity, imagination and delight. America's future depends on innovation developed through a complete education that includes the arts. We do not need retro schools that take us back 100 years.