Twin Lakes Elementary School

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**TWIN LAKES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**Introduction**

**History and Purpose of Service Site**

Twin Lakes Elementary School is an elementary school base in a low-income neighborhood. The mission statement for Twin Lakes Elementary School is, “To provide an atmosphere that will promote student learning and academic achievement in a positive environment.”

**Community Service Paradigm**

While the work I did at the school may not be considered enough for social change, but the work that happens everyday at Twin Lakes Elementary School is enough to be considered social change. Giving children the ability to progress their lives with knowledge is one of the best ways to promote social change.

**Social Issue Research**

**Social Issue Addressed**

The social issue that is addressed at Twin Lakes Elementary School is the educating and providing opportunities to children who mostly are English Language Learners.

**Current and Ideal State of Social Issue**

The current state of the social issue is moving in the right direction. Twin Lakes Elementary School is doing all that they can with the resources available to them to help progress these students through their education.

The Ideal state for this social issue would be higher paid teachers. If we were to make teacher’s salaries competitive with doctors’ or lawyers’ and the teaching field became competitive I believe our education system would thrive. Another change should come to the food fed to the students to help them have a better chance at focusing. The final change I would make is moving to a growth mindset grading scale, which I saw at Twin Lakes, but implementing it throughout all education systems.

**Service Site Approach to Issue**

Twin Lakes Elementary School approach’s the issue of educating with passion and urgency. I can tell that most of the teachers I worked with truly care about their students and whether or not they grasp the concepts.

**My Approach to Issue**

I tried to help out as many teachers as I could to help relieve some of the burden they have placed upon their shoulders, so they could focus on teaching.

**Making a Difference**

**Differences in My Own Views**

The differences I saw are the ones I stated in my Ideal State

- Prepare teachers better
- Better food for students
- Growth mindset

**Difference I Made for the Site**

I believe that I made a difference by helping out the teachers and this was confirmed by the gratitude on their faces. That simple task I completed for the teacher may of freed up more time for them to focus on their lesson plan and get a break through with a student. That possibility is more than worth the work.

**Personal/Professional Learning**

Growing up with a mother that is a teacher there was little to learn form this experience that I have not already seen first hand, but this experience did reconfirm my ideas of ways to improve our education system.

**Future Change, Effort, and Outcome**

There is only one way we can change our education system and that is revamping our education hierarchy and putting better suited candidates into positions of power. Another way to help teachers is to create a stronger teachers union.

**References**

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