

Argument Against Fee Increment In The USA Schools

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Importance of Affordable Education

As a student, I know for certain that education is the key to life. Education is the best tool to mobilize people from the lower to higher social classes. This means that when there is a need to empower a person from a poor background, education can be used. It can benefit them in many ways, such as the creation of knowledge, and prepare them for lucrative and rewarding careers like teaching, medicine, and engineering, just to mention a few. However, it is not always easy to achieve that because of the many challenges faced on the way. The paper argues against the attempts of learning institutions to increase tuition fees for learners. (National Center for Education Statistics, 2025)

Financial Barriers to Educational Access

As a person who has first-hand experience and encounters with school life, I understand that there are many challenges that hinder people from acquiring quality education. One of these factors is the lack of affordability. Many people cannot go to college because they cannot afford it. If school fees are increased, many children will not get an opportunity to acquire an education. It will impose a heavy burden on the parents who are already struggling with the high costs of living. A larger number of parents will face a lot of difficulties because they might force their children to drop out of school. Such actions might be justifiable because the parents might opt to provide basic needs at the expense of educating their children. The counter-argument is that fee increment is necessary because it can make the learning institutions financially stable. So, even if some people argue that schools should increase fees because they require adequate resources to sustain their operations, I take a different stance. In my opinion, this is unnecessary because it will disadvantage the poor people a great deal. If people are locked out from education, it means that they cannot empower themselves and get a platform to compete with their rich counterparts favorably. (UNESCO, 2016)

Effects of Fee Increases on Academic Performance

I also argue that the school fees should not be increased because the new changes will result in a decline in performance for the learners. When school fees are increased, the teaching and learning process can be paralyzed because the learners might be sent home for school fees every now and then. Should this happen, the learning process can be interrupted because learners will not concentrate. Since all learners rely on their parents and guardians for support, it means that if the

fees are increased, they might face some financial challenges. The parents might be overburdened and fail to get enough money to provide for all the needs of their children. The counter-argument here is that school fees must be increased because of the increased costs of operations. However, I disagree with the people who support the issue of fee increment because it is justifiable by the current economic trends. I disagree because the cost of living has risen to the level that people struggle to survive. This means that if school fees are increased, the learners will not get transportation, textbooks, uniforms, food, and all the other extra costs that help them while in school. This is a clear indication that the school-going children will suffer a lot if the school fees are increased. The increased burden will translate into difficulties because we, as learners, will have to forgo some needs.

Social Consequences of Higher School Fees

My last reason is that the fee increment will work against society in general. As already hinted, education is what is used to empower people. However, when school fees are increased, disadvantaged groups will not be able to afford them. Whereas the poor children will be dropping out of school, their rich counterparts will be acquiring high-quality education in high-cost private schools across the country. In the long run, the poor-rich gap will increase thanks to the high drop-out rates by the poor. The counter-argument is that school fee increment has no effect on the financial position and capability of the fee-paying households. I, therefore, disagree with the people who argue that fee increment should not deter parents from educating their children because they should consider it as a matter of priority. When the rich go to school, but the poor drop out, there will be a high level of illiteracy and inequality in the country. I believe that no one wants to see such an unequal society. However, if we are not careful, we can create a high level of inequality that might be quite disastrous for society both currently and in the future.

Conclusion Against Fee Increases

In conclusion, I disagree with any attempts that might be made to increase school fees. As a learner, I have a deeper understanding of how difficult it has been for our parents to educate us. As much as I agree with the government and school administrators for doing a commendable job of providing us with the education we need, they are not justifiable to increase our school fees. It will disadvantage everyone including the parents, government, society, and the learners as well. Therefore, instead of raising school fees, the government should increase its share of school funding. It will, otherwise, make learning more efficient, effective, and responsive to societal needs. (United Nations, 1948)

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