



ARIZONA BUSINESS & EDUCATION COALITION

Monthly Meeting Fall Series
Thursday, August 27, 2020

10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

**Some suggested readings and other resources from Dr. Arleen Kennedy,
Superintendent, Balsz Elementary School District**

"These resources speak largely to our quest for quality education for public and charter schools as well. It's about changing mindsets." ~ Dr. Kennedy

Edmonds, Ronald. (1979) "Effective Schools for the Urban Poor"

1. Strong administrative leadership.
2. High expectations.
3. An orderly atmosphere.
4. Basic skills acquisition as the school's primary purpose.
5. Capacity to divert school energy and resources from other activities to advance the school's basic purpose.
6. Frequent monitoring of pupil progress.

*Educational researchers soon dropped "capacity to divert energy and resources" from the list, and Edmonds' "**five-factor model**" was widely proclaimed as a framework for reforming low-performing schools*

Grant, Jim and Forsten, Char. (1999) If You're Riding a Horse and It Dies, Get Off.

Peddiwell, Abner J. (1939). The Saber-Tooth Curriculum.

Amazon: first published in 1939, this has remained a classic bestseller to this date. The book is just as relevant and applicable to the key questions in education today as it was when it was first published.

Robinson, Sir Ken. Changing Education Paradigms. An RSA animation of his Ted Talk on this topic is available on YouTube (easily found through a search). You can find several other resources on his perspective via a search on the web.