

From the Experts Educator Reflection

Bennett Lieberman

- Bennett Lieberman states, "we are graduating an entire generation of teenagers out of high schools who feel like they're apart from the...American Experience." Do you agree or disagree? On what can you base your thoughts?
- There is a great deal of evidence that male students of color are disengaged from schooling at significantly higher rates than other groups of students. Is this a problem in your community? If so, what are the root causes in your local community? If not, what is your school community doing that has given your students successes that other communities may have missed?
- How does a school or school district successfully eliminate truancy and engage all students? How well does your school meet your expectations?
- High schools are often the focus of dropout prevention because students are more often able to avoid going to school (or are simply allowed to not go to school). Is dropout prevention a high school problem? Do some students become disengaged in middle or elementary school? If so, what can be done at those levels to improve long-term student engagement, particularly for students at higher risk for dropping out later in school?
- Do schools need to be structured or designed differently to engage all students? If so, how?