

# Achieving The Impossible

## Historical precedents for global systemic school reform

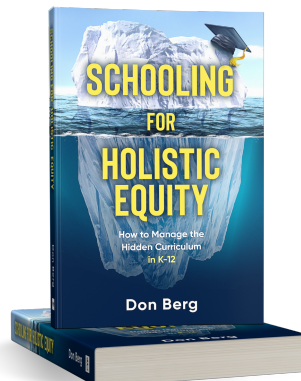
Schooling is a societal system that is poised to change; let's see if we can tip that change in the right direction. It's been done before and we can do it now. Don presents three types of historical precedents to help us imagine how existing seeds of innovation can be grown into strong branches of a world-wide movement for large-scale systemic school reform. Societal systems do not change easily, but since they have changed in the past they can change again. Deeper learning, educational equity, democratic schools, and many other innovative aspects of education are actual, but still marginal, to school systems world-wide. All children deserve access to proven innovations.

- **Rekindle Optimism For Reform**
- **Take Home a New Positive Perspective on Schools**
- **Learn About the Stages of Societal Change**



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