

# Deciphering Pakistan's Education Reforms

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# My Background

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- ❑ Engineer by profession, Political Scientist by passion
- ❑ Current individual project at hand “ *US - Pakistan relations*”
- ❑ Working for AT&T Labs for the last 5 years in Seattle / Philadelphia
- ❑ PhD candidate – Technology Management at Indiana State University, Terre Haute
- ❑ Nominated for the Young Scientist of the Year Award , Gold Medalist- IEEEEP 2008 , worked on the first small satellite of Pakistan
- ❑ Past Student Leader ; held various volunteer and political positions
- ❑ 11 Elections & Nominations in the last decade
- ❑ Was Involved in Pakistani Student Association – President & Treasurer
- ❑ Involved with *Pakistani American Congress* since 2010 ;
  - ❑ served as Vice President and Senior Vice President.
- ❑ Published several articles on Technology, Politics & Education.



# Budget Allocation for Education

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# Recommendations – 1

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## A. Recommendation for policy makers

- ▶ Implement one policy. Implement and enforce one policy consistently for 10 years.
- ▶ Devote 4% of Pakistan's GDP to education.
- ▶ Islamabad should concentrate on proactively executing Amendment 18.
- ▶ Increase the number of schools in rural areas.
- ▶ Curriculum revisions
- ▶ Stronger focus on Women education.
- ▶ Lessen brain drain
- ▶ Provide incentives for attending school
- ▶ Support the development of an educational fund bank. Provide a foundation to manage foreign investments.
- ▶ Devise a plan similar to Marshall Plan.
- ▶ Maintain and build modern madrassahs with Updated madrassah curriculum
- ▶ Establish Watch Dogs to monitor financial aid to supplement educational plans and policeis



# Recommendations – 2

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## **B. Recommendations for governments (Central, Provincial, Local)**

- ▶ Re-establish Higher Education Commission.
- ▶ Establishment of Public and Private Libraries.
- ▶ Free and quality education on primary and secondary levles
- ▶ Seek material and financial support of the Pakistani Diaspora in first world/affluent countries
- ▶ Legitimate NGOs with solid goal and purposes.

# Recommendations – 1

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## **C. Recommendations for Media**

- ▶ Market education programs
- ▶ Inspirational stories depicted in dramas, movies and short stories
- ▶ Promote and educate the general masses regarding the status of teachers in the society.
- ▶ Illustrate the social ills of child labor.
- ▶ Come up with watchdog programs and news segments on education

## **D. General Recommendation**

- ▶ Changing the mindset of people is most important. Opinions and judgments don't change easily.
- ▶ Create remote access to universities. Internet based training material distributed on CDs or via the internet.
- ▶ Help develop museums and libraries
- ▶ Help in establishing city wide book banks





## Goals and Targets – 2015 – 2017 next 2 years

1. Publish a directory with directors names and contribution to the Pakistan Cause
2. Involve youth of Pakistani origin in PAC activities
3. Annual Meeting & monthly teleconference meetings
4. Organize a meet up in Islamabad/Lahore
5. Connect with the local organizations in each city
6. Establish and Maintain contact with Ambassadors, Senators/Congressmen
7. Publish a quarterly Newsletter
8. Introduction of PAC in bigger cities and hold Meetings in the cities with large population of Pakistani Diaspora
9. Find dedicated and committed leadership for the next term 2017 – 2019

# Demographics

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State / Metro Areas	% of US Pakistanis	Metropolitan area	% of US Pakistanis
New York & New Jersey	22.1	New York City-New Jersey-Southern Connecticut	25.1
Texas	13.1	Houston-Brazoria, TX	7.4
Illinois	12.4	Chicago-Gary-Lake, IL-IN	7.4
Virginia & Maryland	7.6	Washington, DC-MD-VA	6.3
California	7.2	Los Angeles-Long Beach-Orange County, CA	3.8
Texas	5.3	Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	3.6
Pennsylvania	4.6	Philadelphia, PA-NJ	2.9
California	3.4	San Francisco-Oakland-Vallejo, CA	2.3
Michigan	2.8	Detroit, MI	2.1
Georgia	2.8	Atlanta, GA	1.8
Other states	18.8	Other metropolitan areas	37.3
Total	100	Total	100