Discussion Questions

Round 1

1. How can we, as students, help reduce the dropout rate?

2. What do you predict would be the result of more targeted ways of learning (i.e. smaller class sizes, tutoring, etc.)?

3. What would be the results on U.S. high school and college rankings if programs were put in place to prevent dropouts? How would this affect our nation?

4. Analyze why high school students drop out of school.

5. Come up with a solution to the high school drop out problem. First address why students drop out and then offer solutions.

6. Can you relate to the home condition described in the article titled, “Why Students Drop Out”? Have you, or someone you know, had to help support family members financially?

Discussion Questions

Round 2

1. If public education used the methods mentioned in paragraph 4 (i.e. preschool for 3-4 year olds, small group instruction, increasing teacher salaries, etc.) do you think the dropout rate will decrease in 10 years? Why are why not? Explain.

2. What does the fact that “Only 21 states require students to attend high school until they graduate or turn 18″ imply about how we, as Americans, vide education?

3. What programs should be developed to ensure that all students stay in school and care about their education?

4. Predict if the dropout rate will be affected over time if we don’t take action.

5. Imagine what it would feel like to be the sole provider for your family. Explain.

6. What can the government do to address low-income families, so that their children can stay in school?