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Since the beginning of time, money has dictated what you can and cannot do. The more money you have, the more things you can do. When we take this idea and apply it to education, it becomes even more true. In our schools today, there are many issues: not enough ways for the students to learn, not enough teachers, not enough extra curricular activities. These issues could be fixed if simply money is not an issue. Imagine the things schools could accomplish without a budget! When thinking of my local High School, South Albany High, many of these concerns could be addressed, if money were not a concern.

First, the teacher to student ratio would be dramatically increased. Right now there is about 1 teacher to every 40 students in a classroom. This is not efficient nor effective. The individual students are not receiving the proper attention they need to be educated properly. The ratio that schools should be striving for is about 3 teachers to 30-40 students. This way, questions can be answered immediately and effectively, and the students can be monitored better. When there is only one teacher in the classroom, he or she cannot work with a student individually, as the rest of the class still needs help or monitoring. Getting twice or three times the amount of teachers is very expensive, and not even imaginable in most school's budgets. Also on the subject of teachers and money, their wages are a huge concern. It is the general consensus

amongst most schools that teachers are not getting paid nearly enough for the work they do. If schools are not able to pay teachers what they deserve, then the better quality teachers will not want to work for them. If the quality teachers do not want to work because of the unfair wages, then the students are receiving sub-par education.

With no budget restrictions, imagine how much our education would improve! Instead of having only one type of learning in the classroom, we could have three different styles of learning. If we achieved the goal of three teachers per room, each teacher could teach in a specific area, allowing the students to learn in shifts. This would dramatically improve the student's education. In one section of the room, they could have technological learning. State of the art computers, and technology is every school's dream. This area would be effective for writing essays, watching videos, and educational games. In another area of the classroom they could have hands-on-learning. This would be great for science projects, and other tangible manipulatives to help students better grasp concepts. Finally, there would be an area with your traditional classroom desks. These desks would be sturdy, neat, uniform, and organized. With no budget cap, schools could equip classrooms with different types of learning for different students, allowing them to receive better educations.

Finally, if money was not a concern, schools could have better extracurricular activities. This includes, sports, choir groups, and the band. Right now, most schools give a lot of money to the varsity football team, and the rest of the sports have to fundraise themselves. With more money, the schools could evenly distribute money to the different sports allowing them to have

better facilities, better playing conditions, better training, and better coaches. The choir groups and bands could afford to buy more and better supplies and instruments for the students. The teaching could be superior, and the environment could be improved. This would also give them more opportunities for concerts, and to travel.

Overall, with no budget cap, schools could improve dramatically. Teaching, learning, extracurricular activities, and other arts would all improve. There would be more teachers, teachers would get better wages, and they would have more tools to teach students. Students would have more ways to learn, and their after school activities could also be enriched. Most importantly, they would receive a better education.