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Hello Again, Education Majors –

Hope all is well. Just a quick note to start the week.

Those of you who've subscribed to the *Marquette Educator* blog know from today's announcement that this weekend I posted a **brief remembrance in honor of September 11th**. In it, I wonder what lessons we should pass on to our students about these historic events.

The blog announcement also noted that last week a school board member weighed in on **the banning of President Obama's speech to school children**. That post made me think about how I'd respond to this banning if I was still a teacher.

And last Monday I described why **school was torture for me** and how I escaped out a window again -- this time while in college! (Note: Please don't try this moronic move here at MU).

And just FYI, today's post is the first in a two-parter on **school choice** (also known as vouchers) that will conclude next Monday. If you end up staying in Milwaukee to teach, then choice and charter schools just might be in your future. Anyway, I pose some questions that might interest you -- about using public tax money to fund faith-based schools and whether choice schools should be expected to outperform public ones and report their results.

Lastly, I want to give you a heads up that this Thursday we'll have a guest blogger, *Dr. Jennifer Maney*. Dr. Maney is the Institutional Coordinator of our *Greater Milwaukee Catholic Education Consortium (GMCEC)*. You can read more about this unique university partnership at: <http://gmcec.com/>. She's going to share a reflection on **Christianity and Capitalism** that was inspired by a recent Gospel reading in relation to the President's health care proposal. You'll appreciate it if you get a chance to check it out.

By the way, next week, she and I will be at Notre Dame for a national summit on financing K-12 Catholic schools and then we go to Washington, D.C., to share information about the GMCEC. We were invited to present by the US Department of Education, because the consortium is being considered as a model for urban Archdioceses around the country. Exciting stuff for us! Anyway, we'll try to post something from South Bend or the nation's capital.

Have a great week!

Sincerely,



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