Meha Seshan Grade 4 Panecea Challenge -Educational access

Introduction:

Today, I will be covering three main topics. What is educational access, what are the problems of educational access, and how we can improve access to education around the world.

Educational access:

Educational access is the ability of all people to have an equal opportunity in education, regardless of their social class, financial status or ethnic background.

Problem:

What are some problems with educational access? First, marginalization and poverty. For many children who still do not have access to education, it is notable because of persisting inequality and marginalization. Some are so poor that they find it difficult to meet both the ends. Some can not afford education, due to single parenthood. There is a financial deficit in underdeveloped countries. Inequalities between girls and boys, different races, etc.

My Idea:

Several ideas bubble up to improve educational access around the world?

- 1. Implementing technology like remote or virtual learning,
- 2. Designing lessons for home-schooling that can be taught by parents or household member
- 3. Having older or more advanced students tutor or mentor lower grade students in the area,
- 4. Providing safe forms of transportation to and back from school,

- 5. Reducing the cost of education by securing funding from government or from local business,
- 6. Using holography: one of my big ideas is capturing holography of a teacher giving a lesson and distributing it to remote areas such as remote parts of the USA, Africa, India, etc. Holography is a technique that enables a wavefront to be recorded and later re-constructed.

Conclusion:

So in conclusion, education makes you a better person and teaches you varios skills. It enhances your intellect and the ability to make decisions. It also enhances the individual growth of a person. Education is so important for everyone. If learning materials are not accessible to learners, then learners' abilities won't be accessible to educators. Education improves the economic growth of a country and is a training which shows us the right and just way to lead our lives.

Resources:

- 1. https://www.google.com/search?q=educational+access&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8&hl=en-us&client=safari
- 2. https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000235003
- 3. http://www.create-rpc.org/pdf_documents/policybriefindia.pdf
- 4. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holography