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**Finnish Lessons**  
*What can the world learn from educational change in Finland?*

Finland is one of the rare countries that has managed to build a school system where all children learn well and most schools succeed. In his new book, *Finnish Lessons – What can the world learn from educational change in Finland?*, Finnish educator Pasi Sahlberg describes the history of Finnish educational freeform and examines the success of the Finnish education today. This book shows how the Finnish way of improving schools differs from the global educational reform movement and the North American educational policies and reform strategies.

Rather than simply proposing that other nations follow in Finland’s path, *Finnish Lessons* documents how Finland achieved success without going through the arduous and controversial process of implementing competition, school choice, and test-based accountability. This book is message of hope and encouragement for other nations to find their own way to enact change that works.

**Peter Johnson, Director of Education for the City of Kokkola, Finland, will discuss the findings of Pasi Sahlberg on Thursday, May 3, at Nativity School in Pleasant Ridge. The program is open to the public.**

Dr. Johnson is also a member of the Board of the Finnish Education Evaluation Council and the National center of International Mobility, agencies of the Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture.

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