

# Praise for “THE LAST DROPOUT”

“...We need to understand the dropout problem and take the action that Bill Milliken suggests...”

- **Patty Stonesifer -- CEO; Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation**

“...This book tells the truth about how ‘the system’ has failed so many of our kids...”

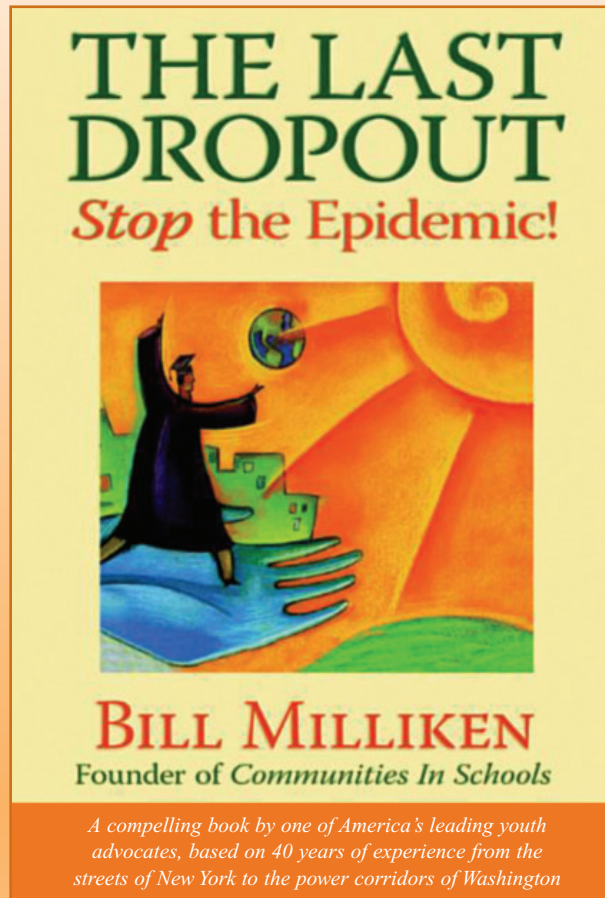
- **Russell Simmons -- Founder; Def Jam Music and Phat Fashions**

“...Business leaders, educators, legislators and community members can find inspiration and a blueprint for action in *The Last Dropout*...”

- **Steve and Elaine Wynn -- Wynn Resorts**

“...Comprehensive student support services build resiliency skills in students...and Bill Milliken has been a pioneer in this arena for many years...”

- **Joel Klein -- Chancellor; New York City Department of Education**



“The success of our students and schools is essential to the future economic well-being of our communities and our country...”

- **Kenneth D. Lewis -- Chairman and CEO; Bank of America**

“...Bill Milliken’s blueprint for change should be studied closely in communities across the country...”

- **Richard G. Lugar -- United States Senator**

“Bill Milliken’s sensitive, out-of-the-box vision has inserted an effective and proven safety net into the enormous dropout problem.”

- **Herb Alpert -- Musician, Producer, and Co-Founder; A&M Records**

“...No one but Bill Milliken has been able to connect his own personal journey so powerfully to what America’s students need today...”

- **Billy Shore -- Founder and Executive Director; Share Our Strength**

“...In *The Last Dropout: Stop the Epidemic!*” Bill Milliken tells us that we can end the dropout crisis only if we get serious about working together to meet the diverse needs of students in our public schools...”

- **Reg Weaver -- President; National Education Association**

“...Bill challenges all of us to work together to help our children achieve the success they deserve.”

- **Pam and Pierre Omidyar -- Founder and Chairman of eBay; Co-founders of the Omidyar Network**

“Bill Milliken’s book is essential reading for any businessperson who cares about the future of education in America and the importance of an educated workforce...”

- **Thomas J. Tierney -- Chairman and Co-Founder; The Bridgespan Group**

“...Bill has done so much to help kids stay in school and do well in their studies. These stories are inspiring!”

- **Jim Sinegal -- President and CEO; Costco Wholesale Corporation**

“Bill Milliken’s book, *The Last Dropout*, is proof that visionaries like him see the full potential in our children...”

- **Deepak Chopra -- Author; The Book of Secrets**

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- The release date for *The Last Dropout: Stop the Epidemic!* will be on September 18, 2007. It is available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com), [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com) and [www.costco.com](http://www.costco.com).
- The book, published by Hay House, also offers nine key principles that CIS has tested over three decades.
- List price is \$14.95 for the trade paperback.
- All author proceeds are being donated to Communities In Schools (CIS), the nation’s largest dropout prevention organization.

## An Excerpt From the Book—Foreword by President and Mrs. Jimmy Carter...

“We first met Bill Milliken and Neil Shorthouse more than 30 years ago when they came to us in Georgia with an innovative response to the loss of so many young people from the public schools system. We supported the fledgling program, then called EXODUS, from the governor's office. Upon entering the White House in 1977, we helped Bill take his work to a national level and have continued our interest in the years service....”

This extraordinary account tells how Bill and Neil and their colleagues developed the insights that have meant so much to communities across the country. The publication of *The Last Dropout* couldn't be more timely. Americans are waking up to the truth about how we do—or don't—serve our children through the public school system. About one-third of all young people and 50 percent of poor and minority youth fail to graduate with their peers. This is economically disastrous for the dropout, who is crying out for social justice, not more discrimination...”

“...Bill Milliken is a powerful, effective advocate because he has lived the revolution he is helping to lead.”

- **Governor Tim Pawlenty -- Chair of the National Governors Association**

“...Bill Milliken tells us how to involve the community in every school, nurture and excite each student, add a healthy dose of caring, capable educators, and truly leave no child behind. It is a recipe that works.”

- **William E. Brock -- Former U. S. Senator, Ambassador, and Secretary of Labor**

“Bill Milliken is a modern-day prophet whose voice calls us to step forward and act for the common good of all our children...”

- **Richard C. Harwood -- President; Harwood Institute for Public Innovation**

“I have always had great admiration for Bill, right from the beginning, for his dedication and commitment to kids and education.”

- **Burt Bacharach -- Legendary Composer**

“...*The Last Dropout* is a call to awareness, advocacy, and action. It is a road map for a society that has lost its way in its commitment to the next generation...”

- **Noah benShea -- Philosopher and Author**

“If parents, teachers and leaders make education a top priority, then our children will understand the importance of school and continue on the right path. This book clearly shows us the winning way!”

- **Jerry Rice -- NFL Legend, Broadcaster, and Author of *Go Long! My Journey Beyond the Game and the Fame***

“Bill Milliken has distilled 40 years of experience — down to a few key principles with a single, compelling purpose: helping troubled students do well in school and reclaim their futures...”

- **Jim Wallis -- President of Sojourners/Call to Renewal and Author of *God's Politics: Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get It***

“Education is one issue where changing policy is just the first step. In *The Last Dropout*, Bill Milliken clearly outlines the elements necessary for lasting reform...”

- **Thomas J. Donahue -- President and CEO; U.S. Chamber of Commerce**

“*The Last Dropout*, like *Communities In Schools*, is about hope, belief, commitment and love: the hope for a better future for all children...”

- **Wally Amos -- Literacy Advocate and Founder; Chip & Cookie, Inc.**

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