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I founded **Peer Power** at East High School, my alma mater, in 2005. My plan was to integrate the unique strengths of the **one room school house** with elements of the **American free enterprise system** to create a scalable, portable, and powerful system of teaching. Peer Power recruits high-performing high school and college students and pays them a competitive wage to tutor younger public school students in a variety of subjects with the goals of improving their standardized test scores and college or job readiness.

Seven years after I launched this program, one thing is certain: **Peer Power can – and does – work.**

- Since 2006, every single one of Peer Power's 78 tutors have graduated and enrolled in college.
- 77% the original class of 27 tutors graduated college within four years.
- Scholars enrolled in Peer Power have seen their ACT composite scores rise by an average of 3.27 points, with some students' scores boosted by as much as eight points.
- Standardized test passing rates at some schools have leapt from 37% to 91% for students enrolled in the program.
- In 2010, five Peer Power tutors were valedictorians of their senior classes.

Today, Peer Power serves over 1,000 students at many schools throughout Memphis and Mississippi. They are eager to share their stories and you can meet them at PeerPowerFoundation.org. You can also join our community on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Please join us and learn how you can help us reach even more students today.

The Peer Power "Scholar's Creed" states, "**Life is a competitive sport.**" It is incumbent on today's business and community leaders to give tomorrow's generation a fighting chance to win.

Thank you,

Charles McVean, Founder and Chairman