

Political Correctness Excerpt

SARAH: You were a teacher – so let’s look at schools.

FRANK: I was...

SARAH: Suppose you had a school doing badly. Would you give it more money?

FRANK: Of course we would...

SARAH: But that would be rewarding a poor performance. Schools would get the message to let their standards fall – in order to get more funding.

FRANK: Actually, I would cut the...

SARAH: Now you’re punishing a school which might be handicapped – like in a very poor suburb. It will now do worse.

FRANK: Right. I would leave their funding as it is.

COLIN: Do nothing?

FRANK: (*totally frustrated*) So, little miss education expert. What would you do?

SARAH: (*smiling sweetly*) It’s a trick question. You people measure everything in dollars. When something’s wrong –

COLIN: So wrong, you can’t ignore it any longer...

SARAH: ...you announce you’re providing another million dollars.

COLIN: Problem solved. When really...

SARAH: ...you should not be talking money at all.

FRANK: But –