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- Decentralization of basic education. This implies management shifting responsibility of education into the hands of local education authorities in order to encourage grass root involvement. This will better enhance the solution of problems before they escalate beyond control.
- Community participation in education decreases achievement gap, and encourages monitoring and evaluation of programme objectives and deliverables.

Michigan government documents<sup>[2]</sup> (2013) rightly assess that collaborative effort is hinged on the notion that it is easier for children to develop and learn with the support of strong families, which also enjoy support from individuals and institutions in their communities. For problems of the society to be solved, there must be a conducive environment for effective schooling. It therefore follows that the school as a social institution must be protected from total collapse. On an encouraging note, Mitrofanova<sup>[19]</sup> (2013) observes that today's leaders in education, business and community development are beginning to realize that schools alone cannot prepare our youth for productive adulthood. But the school and the community must work closely together to achieve mutual goals.

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