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Public schools have been letting our students down for at least 20 years. I started teaching full time in 1980, retired in 2011. During that time, especially beginning in about 2000, I saw more and more money go for administration, pizza parties, pet projects, etc. I had to buy my own science supplies, incentives, books, and at times, furniture. I saw student needs put last. I saw bad teachers passed from one school to another. I had to fight for help with special needs children...and often lost. It is time for charter schools for ALL students. For schools to have to compete to be the best. And for parents to have a say in what their children learn!