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"We have long recognized differences in people's talents and abilities. Whether through AP's or IEP's we value giving each student what they need to survive. Needs are an ever changing and evolving force in education. Trying to fit everyone into the Common Core cookie cutter results in dumbing down every subject. Trying to teach them to pass a test does nothing but teach them how to work a system. The tests themselves have been of questionable quality, and the time spent prepping them is wasteful. We can do better."