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"You are quite correct in stating "results count" and there should be equalization in our support of education. In other words you are supporting a voucher system which would include public, private, parochial, and home schooling. You are also correct in supporting an accountability system in our schools. What you do not mention is that it should start with the reform of mandated curriculums and the abolishment of the tyranny of testing. If we could eliminate the political aspects of school administration, and return to the pre-Lindsey New York City selection system of school administration, without the interference of politicians [this includes politically appointed members of the Regents], we might select and free teachers who love children [and it is the aberration of our culture that love is defined as sex] and who teach rather than train children. It is not the size of a classroom, but the ability of the teacher to facilitate a lifetime love of learning, an understanding of each child's and our nation's uniqueness, and a continuing mastery of the new learning technologies. We need to return our educational systems to true educators and not media and political school trainers. Academic bureaucracy rule has been tried and failed. It is time to restore our schools to its heritage of "each child is unique, has different learning styles and moments of readiness, and has the capacity and desire to become a lover of lifetime learning if invited to do so". This is the least we owe our future generations."