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"The current state of testing, more testing, and the ineffective marrying of teacher evaluations to budgets and testing has been detrimental to "high performing" schools like ours. Changes need to be made WITH the schools, not independent of them. You cannot make policy without including those it affects- not just from an "academic" standpoint (pun intended) but also from a practical one. The factors to improving education is a complex one with a myriad of issues that many policymakers are just not familiar enough with. The issue in many districts is not necessarily the fault of teachers but of the community as a whole, including a host of social issues. These changes only result in further drain of public school attendees in favor of other options. Listen to the school boards and superintendents we have in place."