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Our state is made up of small and large school districts, some rich and some poor. The poor districts have been seriously hurt by the tax cap and by the APPR that drives professionals away from teaching in challenging environments...where they will be blamed for things totally out of their control. Schools and classes have been required to standardize, forcing the poor district with 32 in a class and broken computers and no guidance counselors, art or music teachers to be judged as though they had the same baseline as a rich district with 10 in a class and all the resources money can buy. Also...teachers and students are to blame if all kids don't walk, talk, read, at the exact same moment chronologically. This is INSANE!! If a 98% ile teacher does not improve to a 99% ile, there is NO GROWTH! If non English speakers new to our country don't score well on our tests written in English RIGHT AWAY, heads will roll. Tests are created by NON Educators. Let the teachers teach. Educational professionals must be part of any plan going forward, not business leaders. The educational professionals have been ignored for TOO LONG. The business model has no place in the education and development of individual human beings.