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Our public schools do less with more money than the majority of private and charter schools. If we want to fix education, how about we look at ways to get rid of ineffective teachers, administrators, and politicians who are more worried about collecting a paycheck than doing the job they were hired to do. My kids are getting a better education in their charter school, than the terrible education our local district offers (yes, my eldest and half my family graduated from this district and it shows). The superintendent makes over 100k a year in a town with a medianhousehold income of 49k and is impossible to get ahold of, doesn't listen to the tax payers or parents, and locked the doors of the board meeting when they found out 100s of parents intended to come and air their grievances. This district is a joke. They just found 12 million tax payer dollars to refurbish the football fields for a team who hasn't had a winning record in 20 years in a closed meeting, but can't afford to hire enough teachers to offer electives? Their priorities are wrong. More money, won't fix what's wrong with it. We need real education reform. Well trained teachers, small class sizes, and proper staffing. We need more votech programs, more arts, more music, and less politics in our schools. If the teachers' politics are known to students, they violate their purpose. I don't care if they are Democrat or Republican, it is my job to teach my kids politics and religion. The school buildings are dilapidated, the good teachers underpaid, and the ineffective ones overpaid. Just like our welfare system, we need a whole overhaul, and before you cringe, I collect snap and medicaid benefits and have seen the fraud and abuse first hand for years in section 8 housing. How do they get millions and still not afford books, supplies, or new technology in the classrooms? How did they get shut down for mold in the hvac (confirmed to be due to improper servicing "due to budget cuts"? They are poorly run, over bloated, and ineffective. My tax dollars should ALL go to my child's school, not the embarrassment of a school district I live in. If they want my money, they can earn it. Welcome to supply and demand. Every kid deserves a real education, and even with millions of dollars a year the kids in my town aren't getting one. If you need advice on how to fix education, ask educators what they see, because the view looks way different from my classroom than your office, guaranteed.

Thank you,
Nikki Bartholomew