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I am an English language teacher and we do not receive near enough funding for our needs. We need much more funding to do our work because even with us dipping into the general fund, we still don't get what we need. Additionally, no student should have funds taken away from them if they are not EL, especially since we don't have enough in the general fund in the first place. I work with high school ELL students and a high percentage (something like 40%) won't graduate from high school. That alone should be a reason to invest in the community more.