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Dear Mr. Krop:

Thank you for your letter in response to my Education Week article, "Separate and Unequal."

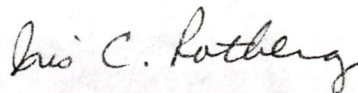
I agree that money is not a panacea. Indeed, my article points out that:

"While increased funding for education clearly cannot by itself solve the systemic problems associated with poverty, it is a sine qua non for placing low-income children on a more equal footing with their more advantaged peers. Schools in our poorest communities cannot deliver a decent education if they do not have the resources to do a job."

Even if money may not be a "magic bullet," I know you will agree that it is counterproductive for the United States to devote, as a nation, significantly fewer education resources to our lowest-income students than to our more affluent youngsters.

Perhaps our views on this issue may not be so far apart after all.

Sincerely,



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