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She believes that public education is one of the most important institutions in American democracy, and that every child in this country deserves a great education. She feels that teaching is a calling for her and that it is her service to her students that gives her the most purpose in life.