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‘What the U.S. needs is a change in priorities.’

MARK TANNENHAUS, *Spring Valley, Calif.*

Friedman’s ideas about education

Re “Are Public Schools Worth the Effort?” column, July 3

Friedman has matters 100% right. Most urbanized public school systems are doomed to expensive failure. We need to step back and realize that there is no compelling reason for government to be in the education business. If we can’t bring ourselves to separate school and state, then we should stop subsidizing the producers and instead subsidize the consumers. Competition will ensure quality that a bureaucracy cannot deliver.

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