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The other day I met some friends I hadn't seen for a while. During the conversation, they related that they had recently moved from the city to Brighton. The primary reason was so their two daughters could go to Brighton schools.

They seemed a bit embarrassed when they told me they moved, like they had just abandoned the city. They knew I was working hard to improve city schools. But they were happy with the move and their new elementary school.

I asked them how it was different. The husband said there is a very different environment there. In the city school there was a lot of pressure to improve ...

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