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Have no problem supporting your 5 points, hope we all do! My only concern is the phrase punitive discipline. Is a transfer to an alternative program punitive? is repetition punitive? are grades punitive?

My position is simply there is no education without discipline-either strong self imposed positive behavior skills taught at home (anywhere they were brought up) or learned from the schools.

We have a huge job, and of course I don't think anyone respects teacher more than I do, but I believe we are preparing our students for life. We are all rowing the boat the same way.

Sorry- I just know how some people use punitive to as a negative catch all. I do support 99.9% of your statement