initiatives are hurting our public institutions? If teachers think nationally, but advocate locally, communities will more likely see the treasure they have in their public schools—and will join in the fight.

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It’s a thick old book, but anyone can recognize the fear and intolerance on those pages inked with racism like an old man, withered cane in hand, leaning heavy on his hate—this is straightforward.  
Harder to understand, though, is how to feel about all the falsehoods and half-truths. How Huck’s deceptions can’t seem to catch him, like they’ve gotten lost back up the river.  
We can all smirk in that brotherhood of lies that have yet to run us down.  
What’s difficult to interpret, though, is how the kid leaves it all behind, leaves himself for dead, chucks everything for the raft and river to let its current push him where it pleases all night, feet dangling in the water, trying to decide if the moon could lay as many stars as frog eggs.  
We, too, could do that.  
Just pitch it all and let everything which might sink us drift away.  
Leave behind each twisted, narrow path for the deliverance of a great big river.

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