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Here's a better idea: instead of using the stick of passing a proficiency requirement to be able to graduate (and potentially driving students into already taxed special education classrooms to avoid that requirement) why not do what my home state of NY did (at least in the 1970s)--offer a regents diploma to all that graduate at the proficient level or higher. It will indicate proficiency but it will be a carrot to earn instead of a stick. If you don't get the regents diploma, you can graduate but there's a stigma (and not the special ed stigma that costs the state billions to give!).

I live in Merion Station PA (Lower Merion School District) and have 2 children who are special ed students in the district.

Thanks for your ear,
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