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progress. Understanding how the historical emergence, political economic processes, and governing institutions of neoliberal globalization are adversely impacting local systems of education - and what to do about it - is important to free education advocates, civic-minded educators, student teachers, social activists, and education development specialists everywhere!".