**So Many Plates Spinning**

The principal says our test scores are

ABYSMAL.

because tests don’t show progress.

because politicians aren’t educators.

because everyone is not created equal.

because of IQ.

because other schools have a top that pulls up the scores.

because the school board doesn’t want to hear.

because 30% have Spanish as a first language.

(Every teacher should be able to say “zapatos”)

because they don’t read.

because parents are illiterate.

because Mommies can’t even sign their own name.

because it takes 5 years to learn a language.

(I have to cut that down in half).

because the state doesn’t care about the process.

because of a capital L for LAZY.

NOT because they can’t.

I don’t want to hear “our kids can’t.”

I can’t hear it,

I can’t.

because we’re left with Black and Hispanic kids.

Even our OWN students don’t know how to speak English.

because of school choice.

because of white flight.

SOMEONE should have seen THAT coming.

If you create good neighborhood schools, people won’t go running.

If you stop blaming and start doing.

If you work with parents.

It’s because I’m working two jobs.

You work like a dog to change a program.

I’ve never had so many plates spinning.