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"I wrote the attached essay in January of 2015. My feelings have not changed. My son is in Kindergarten, and we're ok. I fear everyday will be the day he comes home and tells me he doesn't like school. My special education students were once again tested last spring (the ones who didn't opt out) at reading levels 2-5 grade levels above their instructional level. I invite any of you to come sit with one of my students for a day while they work. Better yet, come sit with them while they take one of the tests that evaluate them, and their teachers. Look them in the eyes and give them an answer as to why; because I don't have an answer."