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"Please consider moving the emphasis away from such a narrow definition of success. We need to foster a learning community where citizenship, civility, and creativity are held in a higher regard. All of these years of reform have not had a positive impact on ELA and Math skills and have cost us greatly in the areas of social/emotional growth. Many teachers seem to feel that they must double down on curriculum whether or not children are cognitively or emotionally able to grasp the concepts. It seems as though they must move on even if students are not mastering material. This is not the educational environment that I want for my children."