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"I have worked at the elementary level, retiring in 2010 after 30 yrs. I saw the stress level increase in all levels yearly. The principals' hands are tied, afraid to say anything for fear of being relocated or dismissed. This, I have heard directly from many friends who went into this level. The CC is not all bad, but people with common sense need to look at how these are done. Instead of testing knowledge, it is written, in many cases, to trick the kids. I was taught while learning the procession, to test for knowledge taught. We have gotten away from this. I know this because I now volunteer on a daily basis and see what has happened over the past few years, constantly changing the objectives on a yearly basis. How do you expect teachers and students to master objectives if this are constantly being moved?"