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As a parent of 3rd and 5th grade, I have seen my children struggle with standards that I feel, as an educator for over 20 years, too difficult and above their developmental stage. There is and was nothing wrong in the way I was educated as a youth. Also, I am appalled that the tests are meaningless to my children and yet are weighed too heavily for me as a professional. In addition, my children's cut scores are arbitrarily made from year to year. Finally, the whole testing regiment is not transparent enough.