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"Common Core is not the problem. We have always, as a state, relied on rigorous standards. The scaffolding of the Common Core is actually better suited for learners. The Curriculum put forth by NY State is the problem, the time in which we had to  roll out the standards is the problem, and the tie-in to the evaluation of our educators is the problem. Our first priority should always me our students and their needs. We have looked away from the mission and we have skewed data to make our needs look different.  Look to the professionals and not to the businessman and you will find your answers. Common sense might be a better gauge of where we need to take our future learners."