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I grew up with testing and generally have no issue with it but the way the common core has been rolled out is not acceptable and we will not participate without changes. While there may be issues that need to be addressed in some districts that does not mean that there needs to be a "one size fits all" approach. We are in a high achieving district and districts like ours should not be forced to change because other districts are not having success. Is this a race to the top or to mediocrity? How about speaking with people in the successful districts to find out what works best and trying to duplicate those efforts? If you want parents to buy in to a new set of standards for testing, consider getting input from people who are part of the education system- superintendents, administrators, teachers, parents. Until you include the people who are "on the ground", you have no credibility. If there aren't goals set for the testing that make sense as benchmarks and testing continues to be used basically for the purpose of teacher evaluations so that teaching to the test rather than educating my child continues to be as necessary as it currently is, we will be opting out.