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"In regards to the ELA 9-12 standards:

- Many of the standards are good, though the specific grammar standards by grade are a little odd -some standards are really broad and others are really specific.

- There is too much focus on non-fiction; we can't lose fiction in high school readings as there has been significant research to link reading fiction to developing empathy as well as critical thinking and social skills.

- The implementation of the testing has been too quick and haphazard causing stress for teachers, students, and parents."