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There is too much emphasis on testing. Teacher evaluations are linked to student performance (what if you have a very bright or a very weak class?) . Important enrichment activities have been sacrificed for the tests. I see no improvement in general in student performance or teacher performance. Byram Hills High School has always been a top performer and these tests have done nothing. Whether you call it the common core or not, we have been teaching these skills and concepts for as long as I have been a teacher there (45 years).