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I believe that the way the common core has been rolled out, and how it is being used, is both hurtful and counterproductive. This movement disempowers teachers, and does not care about students, especially the neediest. To me a standardized, one size fits all system puts down our less fortunate students.

My students need different things to be successful. Bobby lives on the water in a mansion, coming from affluence, while Jonny lives on the other side of the tracks. Jonny's parents are in jail for a very violent felony. These two students need different things from a school system.

Also, there was nothing wrong with the teacher evaluation system before common core. Bad teachers could and would be removed. This system is punishing all teachers.

Who suffers in this scenario? The students.