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"I am extremely concerned with standards our young children are being asked to meet which are inappropriate for their developmental age. Beyond violating their time in the classroom, precious time for activities at home that appropriately nurture their brains are being neglected. Parents, as well as test designers, need to know what activities are appropriate for toddlers, preschoolers, and children who have not yet reached the abstract level of development. I am a three-fold NYS certified teacher who has taught K-12 and nursery school in varied capacities, and am a seasoned tutor. I have too many times, been successful in recovering the skills and psyches of third and fourth graders who have been developmentally violated at earlier ages."