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"Two brief points:

1. Overall, I believe strongly that the Common Core is a step in the right direction. It has problems that can be fixed, such as some standards that are placed too early in a child's education, and it was designed for a longer school year than we currently have in NY. Despite the problems, it is the sort of "high aspiration" curriculum that we should be pursuing.
2. I believe the public tension is related to the Feds and State Ed's insistence on an implementation schedule that was wholly unrealistic along with instant linkage to high stakes testing.

Therefore: De-link the testing for a couple of years (or reduce it) and adjust the standards, and I believe we will be on the right track."