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I am the parent of a fifth grade student. The amount of testing and the assessments that my child is exposed to is ludicrous. She is being tested about 3-4 times per week. There isn't enough time for questions, learning and creativity, on the part of the students. There isn't enough time for instruction, creativity and engaging lessons, on the part of the teachers. Testing comprises about 30-50% of the school year and research shows that it should account for less than 10%. Obviously, this should be found disturbing by everyone who cares about education.

Everyone in education is suffering. Teachers' scores are tied to things that are completely out of their control. The new APPR regulations adopted last month further serve to crucify teachers and hurt education!