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The Common Core Curriculum is a well-prepared, valuable document.

The assessments connected to the Common Core detracted from the very good aspects of this well-thought out document.

The timing of the roll-out and the high-stakes, punitive testing created a very negative perception of the Common Core Curriculum, especially for children and parents.

If the Common Core standards are designed to build lifelong learning skills, assessments should be formative and performance-based to encourage lifelong learning.

It has been very upsetting to see young children crying about taking tests.