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"The common core is not the issue, it is that the tests are not level appropriate and the questions are written in an obfuscated manner. Further the results of the tests have nothing to do with helping students but rather a way to demean teachers. If the tests were to assess and assist students then the results should be given in a manner to identify weaknesses of the student, what areas they need help. This can not happen when the results are a stated in a general 1-4 and no specifics are provided. Secondly, what the test does not take into consideration are whether the students are ESL, learning disabled, medicated for other disorders, do not do homework, or simply do not come to school on a regular basis, something a teacher cannot control. What is most interesting is that no one is discussing the lack of parental involvement or the utter lack of respect that today's students have. This lack of respect is further amplified by the governor and his administration. Tests have a benefit when applied correctly, are level appropriate and the results are shared with the test taker. Thank you."