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"The demonstrated failure of the current educational system is well documented by the results of standardized testing. While the administrators and teachers continue to state that they, and only they know the pedagogy necessary for effective educational outcomes, they have obviously been unable to deliver a quality product - a knowledgeable student. Further, any attempts at non-subjective measurement regarding competency has brought forth howls of protest. Simply put, the inmates have taken over the asylum.

We need standards, national, state wide, and regional. We need a way to compare these areas against each other to identify weaknesses that require remediation. We need tools to measure the effectiveness of teachers. We can not allow the continuation of mediocrity by not having the tools, or the will, to promptly dismisses those who are less than competent. We need teachers that are knowledgeable, particularly in the STEM components presented in the lower grades. We must end social promotion, and can not permit students to graduate without the necessary skills. The implementation of Common Core will achieve these goals.

Do not permit it to be watered down simply because of self-serving opposition by those whose stated mission is education. In the end, I would "bet the farm" that if the Common Core results had nothing to do with teacher evaluations, the "hue and cry" in opposition would never have existed in the first place."