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The Common Core Learning Standards in Math set forth valuable and reasonable learning goals for the current generation of young people.

The Engage New York curriculum is awful; the amount of time and support teachers were given to transition to the new standards was absurd; and with those, the notion of tying teacher evaluation to student achievement at this time is unconscionable. However, the fundamental shift in math learning the Common Core Standards seek — away from the over-emphasis on memorization and skills we once called "doing math" to more sense making, reasoning and real world problem solving — is right and very much needed.

I hope these distinctions will be clearly delineated in decision making discussions about the future of the Common Core Learning Standards themselves in our state.