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"Common core is causing young children to develop mental health issues due to the stress it is putting on young brains that are cognitively not developed enough to understand. My 5th grader was doing excellent until common core came along and last year her teacher asked me to get a 504 form filled out stating she has test taking anxiety to allow her extra time which is insane. I know numerous children who all of a sudden after 4 years of being in school and doing well, now having IEP's. This is just sad. To add in did not have the formula filled out as she never needed extra time on any other test and it came to be she did not need it on this one as she finished with time left over. In addition the basic math facts are being lost...my 5th grader still does not even know all of her multiplication facts because the common core bypasses the basic facts and goes on to nothing but confusing word problems. Something needs to change. Forget the test, what is being taught is doing nothing but discovering these kids...I have a child that received 3's and 4's that now receives many 2's. I suggest the BOE speak with actual child psychologists that study children's development which will show it is just too hard for them to comprehend this work at such young ages. The BOE needs to go back to the old way where kids did not struggle, have anxiety, stress, and were more intelligent and understood more than they do now."