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CCS are a good idea. Implementation has been the challenge. Need to help parents understand material so can help kids with homework. I am afraid the CCS will further widen the education inequality gap which is a function of family affluence and education level. Our education leaders need to figure out how to elevate lower income districts. Strongly recommend reducing emphasis on standardized test. Learning is not a one size fits all proposition and should not be boiled down to a statistical measure. Making decisions about education based on averages and medians is not effective. Should every student and district fall on the mean? Would that say all students are equally well educated? What is the purposed of the standardized tests--what is the ideal result? The top thinkers in education broadly agree standardized test are counterproductive to the objective of educating all citizens appropriately and effectively.