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The Common Core Learning Standards are not being opposed by myself and many others because we don't want more structure, but because they are in some cases developmentally inappropriate. Students with disabilities are having to be pulled out into segregated groups for more of their teaching time because they can't keep up with the expectations. They are increasingly misunderstanding and frustrations, acting out and giving up are becoming much more common. We are headed in the wrong direction and New York State Education is failing our children, especially those with disabilities!