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Common Core Testing has caused a whole host of problems for parents, students, and educators. Student depression and anxiety is on the rise since the installation of CC. Parents are doing the only thing they know how, opting their children out. Many parents are not educated enough to know this is their right. Teachers are being judged by a completing invalid system of student scores. The CC definition of growth is ridiculous. A student who is a 1 in 5th grade and a 1 in 6th grade has still shown growth. They would have regressed with all the new material presented at the new grade level if they were not growing! How can a teachers job be dependent on a test that is invalid on so many levels!