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"While I have no issue with standards per se, I think that they should be attainable by all students. Cramming tougher standards in lower grades goes against all research on cognitive development. I also have concerns with the types of exams that are used to assess the standards. Who determines what is grade level appropriate? Why are the exams considered secret? For years, NYS has assessed students using Regents exams that are made public after completion. Why can't the same be done for the Math and ELA exams? Lastly, why is the performance of my children's teacher determined by how they do on one exam? Could you imagine the uproar if teachers graded my children based upon one summative assessment? We need to go back to the old NYS standard and get away from the common core.. The common core is like New Coke. Its a reaction to non existent pressure and will fail miserably. The old NYS standards are like Coke Classic, They worked for years without glitz and glamour, but were very effective."