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"Common core is just another buzz word. I have worked 35 years in education and have experienced a multitude of buzz words which eventually are replaced with another. Politicians usually feel a need to change things and claim ownership to buzz words. All this does is make publishers and test makers richer when they have to develop and sell more materials to meet the buzz word. I have literally seen hundred of millions maybe billions go into purchasing new textbooks ,tests and materials. Its sad that Common core is used to teach children today. Many teachers never received the training and therefore by the time they become effective ,common core will be another past buzz word.Children are all unique in their learning styles as teachers are in their teaching styles; therefore one common way of teaching should not be utilized on children who are not common in their learning. Let's focus on educating our children in making sure they all have textbooks they could take home. Let's provide children with i-pads and tools that can enhance classroom instruction. Smaller class sizes should be utilized to allow more individualization and facilitate targeted instruction.Lets add more pupil support staff to address needs of children both emotional and intellectual in facing the need for these new learning techniques which has failed to show any real results..."