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"The roll-out of the Common Core in NY has been nothing short of a disaster. Testing students on material they were not taught because the curriculum did not exist at the time they were supposed to have been taught it is setting up both students and teachers for failure. Linking these scores to a teacher's evaluation is patently unfair, and is politically motivated by Cuomo. Even if a teacher does not subtract teaching time to "practice" for the test, the number of hours of test administration decreases instruction tremendously, thus defeating the "purpose" of giving the exam in the first place. The stress level on both students and teachers to perform well serves nobody. The entire testing and APPR process needs to be scrapped and started over. How Cuomo can say one year that his APPR plan is the best in the nation, and then say the year after that it doesn't work and is invalid, shows how ill-conceived the entire process has been from the start. New York needs to join the chorus of states who are saying that Common Core does not work, and opt out."