The Gordon Commission Reports: Some Thoughts

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A Better Future For Assessment

1. Supports teaching and learning
2. Targets transfer, complex thinking, authentic problem solving
3. Personalized
4. Fair, equitable
5. Sophisticated view of learning: process and outcomes; role of social context
6. Validity argument sensitive to purpose
A Plan to Support State Decision Making

- Research and practical tools to inform decision making
- Communication and persuasion
- Challenges in translation
R&D to Support the Vision

- Development of broad range of new tools
- Reconceptualization of traditional psychometrics
- Multidisciplinary endeavor
- Integration with teaching and learning?
Assessment Supporting Learning

Intermediate Assessment/Project

Formative Assessment

End of the Year Assessment
Builds K-12 to College Readiness

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