

You say you want feedback, Parents have been giving feedback for over three years. We have called, emailed, and gone to forums to meet with then Commissioner King, I think the over 200,000 test refusals should give you a clue that Common Core is not working. That is about the only way we, as parents can show our disapproval. This year if Common Core does not go I expect to see double that or more. It is not just the testing or implementation we are protesting, it is all of Common Core. From rewriting history, the fuzzy math, the ELA all of it. You claim this taskforce will be transparent, Why then are you not having each and every one taped and posted online? That way the public and every member of the task force could hear what parents and teachers are saying. We will not be fooled by a renaming, garbage is garbage even if you call it a rose.

Common Core was snuck through with no public input, By NYS to get Rttt funds. These funds do not even begin to cover the expense of Common Core. Many schools use the Engage NY Website for materials as it is free. However there are costs such as making copies of the material. Many schools no longer have text books, just worksheets. Common Core in math allows for little flexibility, not every student learns one way. Students should be allowed to use which every way works best for them to arrive at the correct answer, like it used to. The ELA is horrid, taking the love of reading from students. No longer the classics or if you were real lucky whatever you wanted to read and do a report on. Now dry informational text and paragraphs to read.

Common Core cannot be fixed, it is copyrighted. It needs to be scrapped like the trash it is. Perhaps look in to the "lost standards" that were being developed by real class room teachers before CC was brought in to NY.

<http://www.lohud.com/story/news/education/2014/05/10/common-core-derailed-ny-standards/8918925/>

Perhaps you would like to see some of the CC work. Pay attention to the grade levels):

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/education/wp/2015/11/04/hundreds-of-common-core-test-questions-have-been-released-can-you-solve-them/>

In closing get rid of CC, let teachers teach and our children learn whatever way is best for the individual.

Thank You for your time. I hope you are really listening this Time:

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