

I understand the need for standards in our educational system. The ever changing world of knowledge is undeniable.

But how are these higher standards? These standards are not age appropriate. 70% are failing. The basics foundation skills are non-existent. Grammar, spelling, script. Basic adding and subtracting. The foundation skills that have put America on top in education for many years. Gone.

My son cannot write in script. Will he be able to balance a check book, do his taxes, sign his name or read the constitution? Because that's in script.

Our children get 1 chance at an education. There are no do overs in K-12.

It is not all about the state tests. We are not some crazy tin foil hat wearing group of people that don't understand. We understand. We've been in this for over 4 years. Look at the numbers for refusals last year. Over a quarter million refusals. Listen to us. Something's wrong.

It's about teaching to the test, the modules that have not been proof read, the no text books, no direction, no hands on learning in science. The 3 hours of homework a night. The lack of reading groups in our elementary schools. Reading is now always tied to an assignment. It's about math workshops for parents because we can't help our kids in math. Parents with PH'ds can't help their kids. Smart educated parents can't help their kids.

Children are calling themselves stupid and giving up. Smart bright kids are being demoralized. How is this acceptable? Documented evidence of children harming themselves and being depressed. Something's wrong.

We will continue to refuse testing and data mining and we will educate parents on the harm that this is doing to our education system. We are going to lose fantastic teachers because the tests are linked to their evaluation. Teachers are retiring early because they cannot teach with creativity anymore. They teach by a script. Their passion is gone. How is this fair? We need your help. We need this to change. Please do not slap a sticker on this and rebrand it with a new name.

Stop comparing America to China and Japan. Have you seen the suicide rate there because of education? Do we want that here? No. This is America! Lets keep it that way! DON'T FIX IT, END IT!