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Dear Parents, Teachers, School Administrators, School Board Members, and Concerned Residents:

Due to the recent overwhelming reactions and feedback regarding Common Core, we will be holding a forum dealing with concerns expressed by educators, parents, and other stakeholders regarding the implementation of the new curriculum based on Common Core standards. **We are pleased to invite you to participate at our Staten Island forum on November 12th from 7 pm to 9 pm at Intermediate School 24, 225 Cleveland Avenue, Staten Island.**

Some of the topics we will be covering include:

1. Reactions to the new education standards being promoted by the President and National Governors Association, known as the Common Core. Are there components being left out of the new standards? Are there unnecessary ones?
2. Was the implementation of new curriculum based on Common Core standards handled appropriately? What can be implemented to improve the transition to the new curriculum?
3. How has the new testing associated with Common Core affected students' attitudes toward learning? How has it affected their instruction time and the approach of classroom teachers?
4. What challenges have been presented to local school district administrators, curriculum chairs and principals as a result of the implementation of Common Core?


It is our intention to hear from as many participants as possible, but time constraints may require that those wishing to provide oral testimony provide written testimony only. All written testimony that is submitted will be included in the record and summary that will be prepared at the conclusion of the proceedings. Kindly bring 10 copies of your testimony, including your contact information, to the forum.


It is strongly recommended that persons wishing to present oral testimony at this forum pre-register by contacting the Assembly Minority Office of Public Affairs at 518-455-5073 or minpaff@assembly.state.ny.us by November 4th. Members of the media will also be invited to this important event.


Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you.


Sincerely,


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