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I HAVE A DREAM

I HAVE A DREAM that my children or grandchildren will be able to develop to their full potential.

**Good evening, Superintendent _____,
and board members.**

My name is _____. I wish to share my concern about the Common Core State Standards Initiative with all of you and those who are attending this meeting.

This is the new federal mandated education program that then Governor Patterson signed on – **sight unseen, with Governor Cuomo continuing on with his efforts**

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which are now being implementing in all of our school districts throughout NYS.

Most people have not yet heard of the Common Core State Standards; that was by design. **We were not supposed to know about it. **Congress** did not know about it either. Both Congress and all of the State legislators in the 45 States that signed onto it were *bypassed in the decision making.***

Common Core State Standards is not improving education standards but is **dumbing them down and narrowing them.**

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CURSIVE HANDWRITING will no longer be taught. The Director of Education said in a memo sent April 25, 2012

“The Common Core State Standards do not include cursive writing at all. Instead, students are expected to become proficient with keyboarding skills”.

(<http://truthinamericaneducation.com/common-core-state-standards/cursive-handwriting-falls-victim-to-the-common-core/>)

***I HAVE A DREAM* that my children or grandchildren will be able to read handwriting. That they will be able to sign their name to contracts, an Ipad for purchases or personal checks. That they will be able to take notes in business meetings.**

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MATH: According to James Milgram who is a Professor at Emeritus of Math at Stanford University and served as a member of the Validation Committee for the Common Core National Standards for Math, said, “The Core Mathematics Standards are written to reflect very low expectations.” (<http://parentsacrossamerica.org/james-milgram-on-the-new-core-curriculum-standards-in-math/>)

I HAVE A DREAM that my children or grandchildren will be able to excel in math and be proficient in math, so they can choose any career in which math would be needed.

ENGLISH LITERATURE: “Attorney Emmett McGroarty – “The Common Core English Standards remove much of

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the Classical English Literature.” Having children read manuals instead of reading as much literature, would not help them develop their critical thinking skills.

***I HAVE A DREAM* that my children or grandchildren will be able to use their creative thinking skills and exercise their liberties and make wise choices.**

LITERACY: Dr. Sandra Stotsky who is of the University of Arkansas Department of Education Reform, sat on the Common Core Review Board for English Language Arts. She said Common Core **“Will lead to low level of literacy for all High School Students.”**

(<http://www.heritage.org/research/reports/2012/12/questionable-quality-of-the-common-core-english-language-arts-standards>)

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I HAVE A DREAM that my children or grandchildren will be literate and well informed. That they will be able to develop their full potential and not just mindlessly function like a drone controlled by another.

Personal Data Collection: Extensive databases will track criteria on each child from preschool to age 20 (known as P20): family income, voting status, religious affiliation, health history, blood type, etc. (inBloom.org)

I HAVE A DREAM that my children or grandchildren's future won't be hindered by their family's history.

Workforce tracking students: Lisa Harris, retired teacher & activist. "*Instead of children being*

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encouraged to excel to the highest level that they can, they're putting them in a place to where, instead of a child choosing a career and going after their interests, they're letting the career choose the child or the workforce choose the child, and tracking them all along the way, to slot them into whatever the workforce' needs are."

I HAVE A DREAM that my children or grandchildren will have the freedom to pursue the career of their dreams and not what the scores indicate of the standardized tests.

I believe that it is important for you to have an open and honest discussion on the Common Core State

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Standards with parents and allow for parental input and study regarding the academic education of *their children*.

Please review this important information while you still can exercise your power as a member that is part of the local school board, *for which you were voted into by those who pay school taxes here in _____*.

Thank you.