

**Kerrie Johnston, Parent, DCMO BOCES**

"As a parent of a 4th grader and as an educator I have witnessed the excellence and growth as a result of CCLS. I implore you to look for and review the standards. What was absent is the standards being an education equalizer for our students. For our students of color, of poverty these standards do not test background knowledge but rather honor that students have different backgrounds and build knowledge that prepares our students for life, for college and careers, to be productive citizens in a global economy."