

**Jennifer Keller, Parent, Greenfield School Saratoga Springs School District**

"I am the mother of a 3rd grader in the Saratoga Springs School District. I am also a teacher in a classroom that has one computer (not much has changed since Bill Clinton sought to provide each classroom a computer back in the 90s) your zip code determines the funding level of your school district. My daughter will not be taking the common core exams for 3rd grade. The Pearson worksheets and materials are not helpful to my daughter they are confusing her. There is too much emphasis on testing and not learning in our schools. There needs to be a concerted effort to make these tests more diagnostic to help our students. The majority of students, parents and teachers find some of these test questions to be inappropriate for the student's level therefore creating anxiety and frustration. The influx of for profit testing and educational companies lobbying for lucrative contracts has jeopardized the quality and perhaps the integrity of public education in our nation. The New York state education department is more than capable to provide curriculum, standards and testing with out the corporate sector's influence."