Karen Zachow, Parent

"Common core curriculum is too confusing for young kids, esp kids w special needs. My son is in second grade and still counting on his fingers and you want him to go thru 3 steps to figure out what 45+35 comes to. It's too confusing for him as he has ADHD and cannot focus long enough to remember the steps being taught. Also if he gets the right answer by one of his own methods and not the method being tested he will be marked wrong. The right answer is the right answer so why should he be marked wrong.

Also you are providing a curriculum that is beyond a child's maturity and developmental abilities at this age group. The concepts being taught require repetition but the curriculum moves too fast to allow for that and ends up having gaps in education. I have had to pay out of pocket for my 4th grader last year for Huntington learning center to fill in these gaps caused by common core and it has been quite expensive. In fact we could have paid for private school for less. Control should be given back to the teachers for guiding how best to run here classroom and determine whether or not the students can move passed a subject or require more time in an area.

My daughter was an emotional mess last year bc she was studying and still getting 70s - while that is a passing grade it had a severe affect on her self esteem bc the work she put in was not reflected in her test scores and she began having panic attacks and became depressed.

Having these children strive for unreachable goals and changing the learning programs year after year sets up the students and teachers for failure!

In summary - this must go!"