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SCHOOLS ARE REGIMENTED ENOUGH ALREADY WITHOUT BEING MORE SO. I TOTALLY AGREE WITH THE EDITORIAL VIEW OF THE UTICA OBSERVER-DISPATCH 11/12/15. THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE TIME FOR NON-ACADEMIC TIME SUCH AS RECESS, SPORTS, ART, MUSIC, AND OTHER "HUMANITIES". THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE INTERACTIVE TEACHING, AND CHILDREN NEED TO BE TAUGHT CRITICAL THINKING AND CREATIVE THINKING. AS A FORMER STUDENT IN PUBLIC SCHOOL AND NOW A COLLEGE GRADUATE, I MUST SAY IT'S A WONDER I EVEN CONTINUED WITH EDUCATION AFTER BEING BORED AND TURNED-OFF BY COMPULSORY EDUCATION. THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE FREEDOM, NOT LESS. FREE THINKING AND DISCOURSE NEEDS TO BE ENCOURAGED, NOT REPRESSED. THE MIND IS AN AWESOME THING THAT NEEDS TO BE DEVELOPED IN CREATIVE WAYS.