

Brette Bateman, Parent

"My 10-year-old daughter who is in fifth grade refuses any standardized tests. she has never taken them and never will. She attends fifth grade at a local Albany school that has loving caring creative teachers who care about their students. They care deeply about how and what their students learn .The teachers and the children as well as the school staff have to struggle every day with the common core curriculum and Our teachers unfortunately have to spend the majority of their time teaching to the corporate driven standardized tests that New York State has insisted our kids take. I have sat with my bright, loving 10-year-old daughter who is struggling with her common core homework pretty much every night of the week. She has said to me many times "mommy I just don't understand this!" why do we have to do common core?!" I can't do this math, it's not The right way to do math!", "It's not how how kids think about math equations!", "I hate common core!" I can't even help her. my husband can't help her. my father who takes care of her in the mornings can't help her and he's a retired teacher! I'm sorry, but no one understands common core math! Mrs. Elia, I think you need to listen to the parents, teachers, administrators and children of New York State when they tell you that the common core curriculum is not working in our public school system. Our children are more than a test score and our teachers of NYS just want to teach! Let them teach and let our children learn at their own pace! We don't need a corporate driven curriculum in our schools!"