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New York State has pushed the Common Core down the throats of its parents and children for too long. Its hasty and clumsy implementation coupled with its ridiculous over emphasis on high stakes testing have damaged the education of thousands of children. All for the purpose of grabbing scraps of Race To The Top funds from the federal table. States across the country and even the federal government are jumping ship from the Common Core or at least moving away from the emphasis on high stakes testing. Recently, New York is the only state to have gone in the other direction, but with over 200,000 opt outs and more expected this year, the parents have spoken. In New York we pay some of the highest taxes in the country. I don't necessarily have a problem with that, provided they are used for what's best for my family and my children, not what's best for politicians and their corporate interests. I DO NOT want my children subjected to the Common Core and its high stakes test culture any longer. New York needs to abandon Common Core and start doing what's in the best interest of its children.