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"First Common core is developmentally inappropriate. Common Core test questions are 2-3 grade levels above the grade being tested. The reading passage used for third grade was shown to have a readability average of 7th grade. Pearson's NYS Common Core standardized tests are costing the state 32 million. The Common Core is not teacher created, and do they reflect skills and knowledge that students gain in the classroom. The tests are poorly constructed and they contain deceptive questions. Over 557 New York State principals signed a letter denouncing the tests.

With all of this being said, the state has raised the bar and more kids will fail. Math standards are insanely complicated and students are being taught to do many more steps than are required to solve problems. They should be giving them the simplest way to do them. Students are asked to do problems their minds are not physically able to handle. It's frustrating as a parent knowing me and my husband can't even help our daughter with Math.

I have two daughters 9 and 7 and they both are frustrated all the time with Common Core. They suffer from panic attacks, insomnia and no longer enjoy school and they feel stupid and cry with frustration when doing homework. This is extremely alarming as a parent and heart breaking knowing both my children do not feel smart enough to be in school. Let teachers teach and kids be kids and stop trying to groom them all into little robots. One size fits all education does not work. Kids should not have hours of homework starting in first grade, kids should be kids and come home from school and know that they can run around outside and explore and decompress. However which Common Core kids work, work and do more work to race to nowhere. The pressure put on our children has gone too far. The state is damaging our future and dumbing down all of our children.

When is all of this going to stop."