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"I have two children in the suffolk county school system. One is in 3rd grade, the other now is in the 9th grade. When common core was first implemented my 9th grader, who was in the 5th grade at that time, was first introduced to common core standards. I attended a meeting at the school for the explanation of this new way of learning for math and ELA. I was so confused with the teaching methods that was explained to the group, at the meeting, because nothing made sense. The representative for common core sounded confused herself. There was suppose to be a meeting months later or that following year, about voicing your opinion about the common core standard, that got cancelled, which is ludicrous, because it only showed the parents and administrators that this standard was going to be implemented regardless if you liked it or not! I had my son take that first common core test, which you had an option to opt out, just to see how he scored on it. This was a child that got 100% on the state reading assessment for 4th grade and above average for the math assessment. When he took the common core test his grade was low to average. The following year I opted out. Yes, common core standard does get you to the answer of the question, but the method to getting to that answer is long, drawn out, and confusing to the child and the parent that is trying to help with homework. Listen, there a people that are strong in certain subjects and weak in others, thats just the way it is. Don't confuse the child even more by changing old methods that have been around for decades, because someone felt that this way can help explain the problem better. That's what extra help, tutors and parents are for. Thank you."