

**Damian Gaillard, Parent**

"I have two daughters who have both taken tests aligned to the Common Core.

My daughter Maisia is in the ninth grade at Pace High School and my daughter Tangier is in the fourth grade at P.S. 36.

The Common Core is a necessary component to getting my daughters a quality education.

My daughters took the tests and I can tell you – the tests are not easy. My girls had to work hard to do well. But now that they've been through it, and they made it through, I see the pride and satisfaction in their faces.

My daughters are getting a better education now because of the Common Core.

That's what I want for all kids. I think every child in New York deserves to have that same sense of satisfaction and achievement. Every child in New York deserves those same high standards.

The Common Core is a critical tool for teachers so they can ensure that every child is on the path to success, and it is critical for parents to hold the system accountable."