

**Amy Garcia, Parent, Hendrick Hudson School District**

"The Common Core is wrong for New York! While I am in favor of higher standards, the Common Core forces kids to answer questions in a way that is deemed wrong if they think outside the box. In addition to implementing it across the board, it was unfair to students who were already used to being creative and thinking outside the box. The Common Core doesn't allow for that. I will be opting my children out of these ridiculous exams that are a waste of their time."