

**Jason Geller, Parent**

"Teach our kids, don't test them to death. We are focused on teaching for tests versus teaching to learn. Little kids don't need that stress so early in their lives. We are making school scary for them. It adds stress and anxiety at a time we should be encouraging them to learn and enjoy school."

Ann Marie kern, Parent, St Ann school and Staten Island technical hs

"I think the common core is not practical. Most questions are confusing and they actually TRICK the children. They use big fancy words and names that further confuse them. I find it is damaging to their self esteem. If we must continue with this at least fine tune it. Take out the trickery for example ; a math problem will ask... What is the realistic answer to this word problem .... Then they will put the exact correct answer as one of the choices. Points get taken off because they were being told to estimate... Really then why didn't they say ESTIMATION ? Isn't it REALISTIC to say that the correct answer IS the most realistic ? So confusing .... And so not necessary."