

**Eugene W Gorman Jr, Parent**

"I am the parent of 4 children who attend public school. I am also the owner of an electrical contracting firm that employs many students from the public school system. What I am seeing, though the educational experience of my children, is appalling. Common core does not teach our children to learn or think for themselves. Its first priority is to have skills to take a test in a precise and methodical way. There is almost no room to teach children to their individual learning style or to develop tools for critical thinking. Common core has to go or the men and women who apply for jobs at my business will not have the skills they need for the simplest jobs. Only those who can afford to send their children to private schools or afford tutors will have children with the skills to compete in the real world after high school."