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"As an educator here in NYC, I appreciate the opportunity to express my concerns of the common core curriculum and the direction of the educational system from my perspective. I feel the common core curriculum was dropped on our school systems in the midst of chaos, confusion and political warfare. Schools were forced to take on this new way of teaching and learning without proper training, time and support. Teachers were not given the proper guidance to take on this "ideal" method to teach which most likely deviated from what they learned in undergrad/grad. It really doesn't matter what research/studies shows because the true stats of most NYC students are showing negative a impact.

I believe one major issue That's seems to get overlooked is the lack of parental accountability/support to students. How can the entire effect of this system be placed on teachers when parents to are teens, on drugs, not involved/there, homeless, don't read to child, don't bring children to school/on time, help with homework, follow-up with teachers, attend meetings, get services/help for students with disabilities/special needs??????? It is not fair, and outright disrespectful to ignore these realities. I have heard a parent say to a co-worker (who tried to encourage a learning strategy to help with letter recognition at home) "I don't care!"..

One parent of my current class refuses to assist her child create an all about me book because " this is only pre-k....it's not like she can really fail!"

These are some of the many people who are mainly responsible for the lack of hope for our future generation! While I'm dedicated, I have to at the same time deal lots of havoc from careless, carefree parents!"