

Nancy Hardesty, Grandmother

"My name is Nancy Hardesty and my granddaughter is currently in 10th grade at Hoosick Fall High School. I am writing to express my concern over the fact that Regent Exams are now mandatory. Not all children are able to pass the Regents and where does that leave them? Without a high school diploma. The lack of a diploma will stop these kids from getting a decent job, going on to college and they will have the stigma of being a high school drop out. My granddaughter has special needs and has been fully integrated into regular classes since kindergarten. She has always been on the honor roll until 9th grade when the changes to classes being Regents was put into place. I cannot believe that every child in her school has the ability to take and pass Regents Exam. What will happen to them??"