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"Please rid of Common Core! We are completely opposed to CC! I have a first, fifth and seventh grader thus have a good account of this new curriculum on many levels. One size does not fit all! My children are all unique & benefit greatly from different learning styles. But teachers independence is gone w/CC, leaving behind any & every child who struggles! Since implementing CC 2/3rds of the time 2 of my 3 children cannot do math homework independently. That was not the case prior to CC. My first grader is not yet fluent in reading to understand most math problems so she has to rely on us daily! This is while maintaining a 95 in "ela".. My 5th grader struggles with advanced words in problems, and methodologies that are confusing and take as much as 3 X's longer to solve! This has been since CC began. How is this an improvement? Learning is no longer fun for children. He is overwhelmed, frustrated and now dislikes school. We had to opt out because of the severe anxiety he manifested on a daily basis! Forgive my lack of bedside manners but CC is an untested, unproven complete embarrassment for America! Our teachers are forced to be robots, parents are left searching the web countless hours trying to figure out how to help their children and the children will either be capable of adapting or they won't. For those who struggle we are forcing them to fail. There are humiliated and losing self confidence and self esteem! Education is all about the CHILD but so far CC has proven otherwise. The tests are designed for students to do poorly. More need to see the trick ?'s, the inappropriate ?'s & the passages in these tests, take a look! Drill down! Take the tests yourselves! It's unacceptable that anyone can write CC material w/o a background check of their education! And what happened to basic skills in our society like writing or reading in script! This is not preparation! Perhaps the problem isn't w/education at all but w/the govt & growing lack of morals/values of Americans. How can we expect children to do their best when 50% of marriages end in divorce? The govt has an agenda & our children are deteriorating as a result. Perhaps we can't compete w/other countries because of all of the chemicals approved each year that our children are neurologically being bombarded with! We nourish them with food dyes, preservatives, artificial neurotoxins and GMO's proven lethal to mice! The govts idea of "healthier" food @ school is chicken & apples with arsenic, genetically modified potatoes, and milk full of antibiotics and growth hormones! 1 out of 7 children today has a neurological disorder, 1 in 48 AUTISTIC, food allergies so out of control we have 1 on 1 aids, special food tables & banned foods which is only getting more severe! Diabetes, obesity and gut issues plaguing our tender children. How is this ok? Children should not be suffering from migraines and asthma and quirky neurotically disorders! Why do we not look for root causes of why our children cannot focus/concentrate? Instead, we implement CC and medicate those who struggle! Why is it ok for school districts to employ mean spirited teachers who are condescending and humiliate children??? This problem needs to be addressed, CC isn't the answer! How

many mass shootings happened only 15 years ago? How many children went to school in fear on a daily basis whether today is the day it may happen at their school? Ask any educator who's been teaching over 20 yrs and they will tell you more & more children are unstable and in a fog! How many more man made labels can we create for these poor tender beings? CC is adding to the very list that is causing our children undue stress, frustration and anxiety. Please get rid of common core like other states and start focusing on the real reasons why our children are not performing to their fullest and highest potential. And for those children who can handle common core.. without ambition, drive, motivation or passion common core will not make a difference in their livelihood at all. Perhaps we should teach kids conflict resolution, how to treat others, educate them on mortgages, credit cards and bank accounts early on. You get the idea. If u don't then consider yourself Brainwashed by our govt and Bill Gates.."