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I live in Murray Hill Manhattan. I love my local public school and value its teachers. We all want higher standards but Common Core is lacking in a great many areas. By focusing all results on the test diminishes the unique intellect and achievements of the individual and turns them into anxiety ridden test takers. The implementation of this ludicrous and extremely expensive program was totally backward and an utter failure. My older son took the test the first year Common Core was implemented. The curriculum on the test had not even been adopted in the classroom. Many kids were tutored. Kids whose a parents could not afford tutors or couldn't provide extra help failed and suffered tremendously. It really hurts the underserved populations the most. In my opinion, Common Core is failing the NYC students of today. It hurts and punishes rather than inspiring achievement. I don't like it at all.