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"It is wonderful that the state work towards improving the future of education. However, the task force should try to remember and reexamine the wonder history of education in our state. Dating back to the 19th century we have been the standard for the country. The regents exams given in English, Math, Science, Social sciences, and languages were not dismantled they were consistently being improved. Note that review books purchased by the hundreds showed that our students were challenged and even given scholarships to state universities even in other states. Please do not try again to fix what was not broken in the first place. I was educated in Maine and I knew that if i wanted to be considered a top student that I had to take the Regents of N Y. This standard was been bastardized by those that do not know,remember, or experienced the quality and importance of the STANDARD.

As a teacher in N Y I knew the importance and value of these exams. I had to push and remind students and their parents of the final exams since they were given in every school in the state. Please consider this and remember that change is not improvement. Core is good but"