

**Shelley Langton, Parent**

"As a parent and educator in the NY state public schools, I support the efforts to standardize the quality of education offered to our children. However, I oppose the focus on testing and the manner in which the program has been implemented. There should have been more time taken to carefully plan this with qualified educators to create an educationally sound approach to making this change. It is clear that the current approach was designed by Pierson which requires us to rely on their testing tools. There is too much focus on testing rather than quality education standards. Because of this Common Core has become a dirty word. New York has the resources to do this better and we shouldn't rely on a business who has a financially-vested interest."