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"To Governor Cuomo's Common Core Task Force,

Where's the integrity? I will begin with the information provided on Governor Cuomo's website under the section Common Core Task Force, Presenters for the first public session;

"Lisa Rudley, Westchester County Parent, Co-Founder and Executive Director of New York State Allies for Public Education"

"Lisa Rudley, Westchester County, Ossining Public School parent of 3 children ages 10, 13 and 15 years old. Founding member of New York State Allies for Public Education, a coalition of over 50 parent and educator groups. A leading voice in New York for student and parental rights, Lisa advocates for people with disabilities and public education on a local, state, and federal level."

As per Governor Cuomo, Ms Rudley represents over 50 parent and educator groups.

Many of these groups and most importantly, their leaders organize information sessions around the state of New York providing the facts to parents and the community about common core. They volunteer their own time to go out, travel far and wide to inform parents and community members. They hold their information sessions in much larger venues than the small meeting room your first session was held in and the invitation is open to the public, all of them, not just hand picked invitees. Anyone can come and the venues do fill up to legal capacity sometimes with standing room only. What is shared at these sessions are facts, not lies, truths, not propaganda. We also now have several groups in Spanish.

Back to the "integrity". Over 250,000 parents chose to refuse the common core tests for their children last spring. The more parents and community members learn about what is causing the misery their children are suffering in school and at home, the more they understand the need to end this. Parents are responsible for their minor children and it is the parents making the final decision to refuse these tests for their children.

Ms. Nolan knows much about this and hopefully she is sharing her experience, Ms Ellia will catch up quickly. Members of the Task Force this is the integrity of the work Ms. Rudley does. You will see a dramatic increase in test refusals this spring as the members of "over 50 parent and educator groups" continue to do the work of educating the public to the facts. Many refusal letters have already been submitted to school districts. Parents wanted their intentions to be known at the start of school in September.

I ask you to do what you can. Educate yourselves and listen to the public. Review all of the videos from the Forums John King and Meryl Tisch held in the past. What you will hear are parents and educators speaking the truth. What you will see is a Commissioner and his associates ignoring parent and teacher concerns.

I am one parent involved in several of these 50 or so groups. I can speak for many and I will tell you clearly we will refuse these tests and further prove the "integrity" of Ms. Rudley and the growing numbers of parents she represents."