

Kathryn Morrow, Parent

"I have a nine-year-old son who is in the fourth grade.

I believe that all parents should be able to track their children's progress – and that's exactly what the Common Core does.

I believe in the Common Core and I can tell you – my son is opting IN.

I know that not every parent agrees. There are some parents who don't want their kids to take the annual tests. I just don't understand why they don't want to know if their kids are learning what they need to learn. Burying your head in the sand may make you feel better, but it's not going to help your child learn the skills he needs to be successful.

I want to know how my son is doing. I know that if he works hard, he can meet higher standards.

We need to set high expectations for all kids, and then give them the support they need to realize their potential.

At the heart of it, that's what the Common Core represents. Setting a high bar, providing a way to reach the goal, and helping students achieve their full potential."