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As a parent the common core was an adjustment for me as the teaching practices were completely different then when I was a child. However I have seen the benefit and believe the larger issue is the disconnect between how NYS tests the common core versus the actual common core learning standards. The test should reflect what is being taught, ie. the standards for mathematical practices and anchor standards for literacy.

The multiple-choice questions only focus on the answer and discard the student's work which is what the common core focuses on. In addition there has been evidence of trick questions on the test designed to weed out students versus testing actual proficiency.

Testing must change and we need NYS to focus on the proficiency of our students and the work they do which is consistent with the common core being taught. Thank you.