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Dear Governor Cuomo,

You don't have an easy job and I commend you for trying to make things better for our children. You have helped Yonkers in the past and I know we can count on you to stand by us now. You are already making progress by including educators, as opposed to just business people into the process.

Many parts of common core are very reasonable and I believe, I see, it is helping our children. I am NOT against common core curriculum; however, I am STRONGLY against the testing that goes along with this program. There are better ways to evaluate our children, testing to the point of exhaustion will not help the students or our dedicated educators. If I can ask that you focus on one area, it would be drastically reduce the testing, focus on the learning. Thank you and GOOD LUCK!