

**Alverene Thomas, Parent**

"My child is in the sixth grade and I believe in high standards and that's why I support the Common Core.

I was lucky enough to grow up in a school environment where my parents and teachers could track my progress. I want my child to have that same opportunity.

When you don't have a way to measure student achievement, there's no way to hold adults accountable. Children can get lost in the system.

Parents need to have a way to make sure our children are succeeding in school. We don't have to just accept what a school administrator wants us to believe.

The Common Core also helps teachers identify the areas where students need extra help. Instead of falling behind, teachers and parents can work together to make sure children are learning.

I am sick and tired of hearing that every child doesn't deserve high standards.

These higher standards aren't always easy – but with the right support in school and at home, our kids can do it.

The Common Core provides a guide for helping our kids get the education they deserve."