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"Deja vu all or again.

We went through a similar series of meetings when King and Company toured the state because of the uproar over Common Core. They nodded ... made snide comments to the press ... and essentially ignored all of the parents who gathered by the thousands. We learned an unpleasant lesson.

It was a show of snobbiness and total disregard for the largest stakeholders in this reform beyond the kids themselves.

This current tour seems like it's been dug up, dusted off and simply put back in play. It smacks of insulting manipulation and seems like a shallow show of concern.

The panel members seem, at times, to be on the verge of explosion because smart and caring folks are questioning them in public. Isn't that the purpose of a public forum?

Listen, I have zero confidence in this whole process. Nothing in the past indicates that anyone in power has any real concern for our concerns. The governor is dismissive ... as are the Regents and Commissioner Elia. The business tentacles are all over the place ... and it seems that education in NY is bound to become the next investing goldmine for hedge fund folks and other Wall Streeters intent on making Big Education the next money trough.

I expect parents and concerned educators to once again assemble in a show of force ... and voice their opposition in the manner they deem most effective. These spring assessments will be crippled by opt-outs all over the state ... rendering the results absolutely worthless ... just like Common Core itself.

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