

Christine Webb, Parent, SUNY Broome Community College

"Dear sir; I am a parent of a special needs middle-schooler and a preschooler. I am a former teacher who dedicated my education to curriculum development. I am a distinguished professor; Chancellor's Award winner for Excellence in Teaching, 2014. Please sir, consider the hats I wear as that of passion for the field of education. I implore you to refocus the rationale of the Common Core standards to value the child as the amazing individual they are; to allow the educators to differentiate their instruction based on the unique demographics of their classroom's interests, abilities and diversity and learning style. Please sir, take the ugliness of 'scripted', high-stakes funded, corporate greed OUT of the mission of HIGH quality public schools and give the children a chance to excel in their way to meet standards that are age-appropriate as well as challenging for others. I would love to speak to you further on my own personal struggles with my son, but today I am begging for compassion of ALL children in this time of change."