

I am a parent of a high school student in Westport, CT. I have serious concerns about the implementation of the Common Core. From the reports I've read it seems as though the school districts are not yet prepared to roll out all aspects of this new curriculum both from the vantage point of implementing it in the classroom or testing.

My daughter attends a high performing high school and to make drastic changes without careful consideration and adequate time to implement them seems dangerous and very unfair to the students. These changes are particularly burdensome to high school students who already must prepare for SATs, ACTs, AP exams and regular exams. Prematurely rolling out new curricula and new standardized tests is essentially making our children the "lab rats" of the Common Core.

The Common Core needs to be re-evaluated and reworked before it is rolled out. There have been serious problems with it in other states and it is advisable for Connecticut to put on the brakes, take a breath, and learn from those mistakes instead of repeating them. We tell our children all the time not to rush into things so it is only prudent that as adults we set an example and move in a considered, reasonable way.

Thank you.

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