



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Statement by Senator Marty Golden on Common Core as Raised in Governor Cuomo's Budget Address

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Albany – In response to Governor Andrew Cuomo's comments regarding the Common Core curriculum during the State budget address, Senator Golden has issued the following statement:

"I applaud and agree with the Governor's decision to suspend testing from Kindergarten to 2nd grade, and I am glad to see the Board of Regents concurs. The entirety of the Common Core Curriculum must be reviewed, but nevertheless, standardized testing for Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd graders is unnecessary.

"Over the last few months, the concerns of parents, teachers, and the educational community as a whole, have remained consistent and cannot be ignored. Parents challenge the ability of the Common Core Curriculum to make their child a better student and learner. I hope that any study of this curriculum will ensure that our students are on the right track to be success in school and in their careers."