



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

James L. Seward

## Seward To Vote NO On Regents

JAMES L. SEWARD March 10, 2014

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**ALBANY, 03/10/14 --** State Senator James L. Seward (R/C/I – Oneonta) today stated that he will be voting against the re-election of four members of the New York State Education Board of Regents when balloting is held Tuesday, March 11.

**“The shoddy implementation of the Common Core Learning Standards along with the Board of Regents’ increased reliance on high-stakes tests have clearly damaged our educational system in New York State. Parents, teachers, and school administrators alike have voiced their well-warranted concerns with the tense situation these new polices have created in our classrooms.**

**“With those concerns in mind, I will be voting to deny reappointment to the four Board of Regents members up for re-election. I simply cannot reward these individuals for their failures. I hope that the remaining board members, and any new candidates, pay attention to this vote and take immediate steps to reverse course on Common Core and focus on a more productive approach to enriching student achievement.”**

Four of the 17 Board of Regents seats are up for re-election to five-year terms. Those whose terms are ending are: Christine Cea, representing Staten Island; James Jackson, representing Albany; James Cottrell, at-large; Wade Norwood, at-large. The regents are elected by the entire state legislature sitting in joint session.