



Fall 2015

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Dear Neighbor,

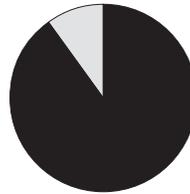
The following information are the results of the education survey that was sent out to residents of our district. These results indicate the level of dissatisfaction with the direction the state is heading when it comes to the education of our children. This information was crucial so that I can make sure your voices are heard in Albany. I want to thank everyone who participated by filling out the survey.

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## 2015 LEGISLATIVE SURVEY

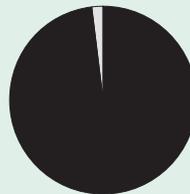
1. Do you believe the current Common Core curriculum is hindering the learning process for our children?

<b>Yes</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>90.1%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>9.9%</b>



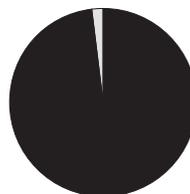
2. Do you believe our teachers should be allowed to teach a well-balanced curriculum instead of teaching to the standardized Common Core tests?

<b>Yes</b>	<b>931</b>	<b>98.2%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1.8%</b>



3. Do you believe children should be taught a curriculum that is appropriate to their developmental level instead of being forced into a one-size-fits-all mold based on their age?

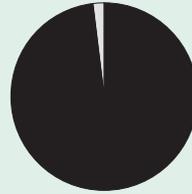
<b>Yes</b>	<b>938</b>	<b>98.2%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1.8%</b>



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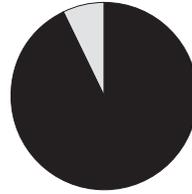
4. Do you believe that developmental factors such as learning disabilities should be taken into account during testing?

<b>Yes</b>	<b>938</b>	<b>98.2%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>1.8%</b>



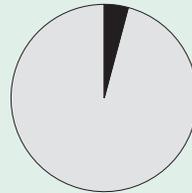
5. Do you believe the Board of Regents, which oversees education in New York State, should be elected by taxpayers instead of appointed by one party, in one house of the State Legislature?

<b>Yes</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>92.9%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>7.1%</b>



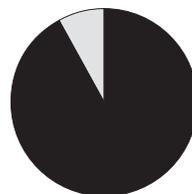
6. Do you support using test scores as the primary means of judging teachers' performances?

<b>Yes</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>4.4%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>95.6%</b>



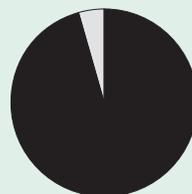
7. Do you believe that classroom observation by proven supervising teachers and administrators is a viable tool in measuring teacher performance?

<b>Yes</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>92.1%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>7.9%</b>



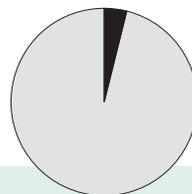
8. Do you believe the state is putting too much emphasis on testing?

<b>Yes</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>95.8%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>4.2%</b>



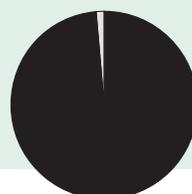
9. Do you believe the state is taking the proper steps to reform education in New York State?

<b>Yes</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>4.0%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>96.0%</b>



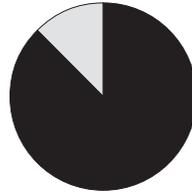
10. In years past, schools offered trade courses like woodshop, automotive and electrical, and provided a thriving BOCES program. Children had the option of choosing a career track or a college track. Do you believe we should bring these options back to our schools?

<b>Yes</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>98.8%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1.2%</b>



11. Do you feel that your school district is capable of providing a rich, challenging, home-grown curriculum that would best serve the needs of our children?

Yes	811	87.5%
No	116	12.5%

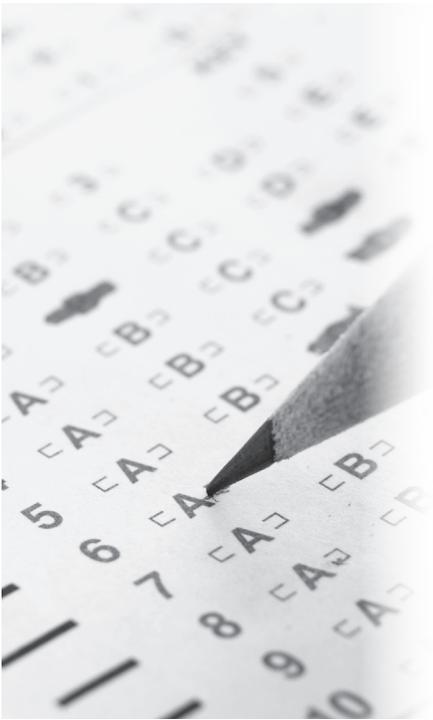


# Apple PLAN

- **Convene Blue Ribbon Panel to evaluate the direction of education in our state.**
- **Reintroduce the option of a career track in classrooms in addition to a college track for our children.**
- **Reinstate the option of a General Diploma in addition to a Regents Diploma to ensure our children can be successful in the future.**
- **Get government out of the classroom and allow teachers to teach.**

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**Thank you for sharing your thoughts on the direction of education in our state.**

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**THE ANSWERS YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!**

NOT ALL CHILDREN ARE THE SAME...  
WHY DOES COMMON CORE TREAT THEM THAT WAY?

