

**Assemblyman Steve McLaughlin:  
Fighting for  
Our Children's Future**



**Investing in  
our children's  
education**



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# New York's Education System and Common Core

As the husband of a teacher, a father of two high school students, and a New York State Legislator, the education of our children is of the utmost importance to me. My plan will reform Common Core to give much-needed support to our teachers, improve technical and vocational programs, create a board of teachers to develop the best possible curriculum, and most importantly, put the focus back on delivering the best education possible to every child in the class.



Assemblyman Steve McLaughlin recently hosted a public Common Core forum. To see video from the event, visit: [youtu.be/o\\_-e59b\\_oao](https://youtu.be/o_-e59b_oao).

**A comprehensive report of Common Core hearings from across the state, including one hosted by Assemblyman Steve McLaughlin, can be found at:**

**[bit.ly/educationalcrossroads](http://bit.ly/educationalcrossroads)**

# The APPLE Plan

I'm offering a number of proposals to reform Common Core and help correct the course of our children's education.

## **Establish Funding Equity**

Eliminate the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) over three years and ensure our local schools receive their fair share.

## **Restrict the Use of Student Data**

Limit the disclosure of student information by a school district or private school to those directly under the control of the district to protect our students' privacy.

## **Scale Back Standardized Testing**

Common Core has placed much focus on standardized tests, resulting in over-stressed students and educators who are simply "teaching to the test". My plan will delay the Common Core standardized testing for two years and put the focus back on giving each child the best education possible.

## **Provide Equity for Special-Needs Students**

Work with a special education student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) team to decide the best course of action and ensure an individual's needs are not trumped by Common Core's rigidity.



**See my full list of suggestions at:**  
**[bit.ly/APPLEplan](http://bit.ly/APPLEplan)**

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