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Margarita Garcia-Notario  
Doug Selwyn

Dear Margarita and Doug,

I regret I'm not able to attend the North Country Alliance for Public Education forum on Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. Several weeks ago I committed to speak at a dinner in Malone on the 9<sup>th</sup>, and I'm sure you understand that as much as I would like to be a part of your program, I will honor my prior commitment.

It was a great honor for me to be the keynote speaker at the first forum last Fall, and I do hope you realize I **AM** listening to and sharing your concerns about our children and the affects of the Common Core on our education system. Although we have made some steps in reform, we have much more to do. I look forward to receiving the notes from the evening's presentations, and you can be sure I will discuss them with my colleagues in Albany when we return to Session in January. As the members of the Assembly and Senate work together to reform the Common Core process, it is critical for us to receive input from groups such as yours.

When we do move forward on proposed legislation, I will be seeking your input. I will continue to propose that parents and teachers are at the table as changes are discussed and bills are written. It is critical that the Legislature and Governor listen to the concerns and recommendations of those who are directly involved with our students instead of relying on the input of the State Education Department. Waiting another school year before we make significant changes is simply not acceptable.

Thank you for your continued advocacy on behalf of our children. Please feel free to contact me any time, and I do look forward to continuing to work with you and the North Country Alliance for Public Education members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Janet".

Janet L. Duprey  
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