

Education April 2018

4/10/18-THE LATEST ROUND OF STATE EDUCATION TESTING GETS UNDERWAY THIS MORNING. CLOSE TO A MILLION STUDENTS IN GRADES THREE THROUGH EIGHT WILL SPEND THE NEXT FEW DAYS TAKING THE ANNUAL MATH AND ENGLISH ASSESSMENTS. WHAT'S STILL UP IN THE AIR IS HOW MANY STUDENTS WILL OPT OUT. PARTICIPATION HAS BEEN CLIMBING SINCE STATE EDUCATION OFFICIALS CAVED IN TO PARENT DEMANDS AND REJECTED THE COMMON CORE TESTING CURRICULUM. DESPITE CHANGES TO THE EXAMS, SOME PARENTS STILL THINK THE HIGH STAKES TESTING IS INAPPROPRIATE

4/12/18-MAYBE THEY SHOULD BRING BACK THE NUMBER TWO PENCILS. THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS SCHEDULED TO TAKE THE STATE'S ANNUAL ENGLISH TEST FOUND THEMSELVES TWIDDLING THEIR THUMBS YESTERDAY BECAUSE OF A COMPUTER MALFUNCTION. IT WAS AN EMBARRASSING GLITCH FOR STATE EDUCATION OFFICIALS THAT HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGING SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO EMBRACE THE COMPUTERIZED VERSION OF THE STATE ASSESSMENTS. DISTRICTS THAT ARE STILL USING THE PAPER TEST DIDN'T HAVE ANY ISSUES.

4/27/18-IS THE ANSWER TO NEW YORK'S EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS PUBLIC BOARDING SCHOOLS? THAT'S WHAT SOME SUPPORTERS ARE SUGGESTING MAY BE THE NEXT STEP FOR THE STATE. EDUCATIONAL PROFESSIONALS AND THE STATE'S TEACHERS UNIONS HAVE INCREASINGLY BEEN BLAMING DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILIES FOR THE POOR PERFORMANCE OF SOME SCHOOLS, SAYING PARENTS AREN'T PROVIDING A POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR STUDENTS. NOW OFFICIALS ARE FLOATING THE IDEA OF ESTABLISHING PUBLIC BOARDING SCHOOLS AS A SOLUTION, KEEPING STUDENTS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS SEVEN DAYS A WEEK DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR.