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Dear Educator,

The New York State DOE is initiating The Common Core State Standards for Algebra 1 for the 2013-2014 school year. Their Mission Statement for launching this initiative states: "The Common Core State Standards provide a consistent, clear understanding of what students are expected to learn, so teachers and parents know what they need to do to help them...."

The NYS DOE needs to be more specific in setting the objectives of its mission. Clearly, students can be empowered in meeting these goals by the following:

- That students must learn the basics of Algebra I
- That the DOE provide the teachers with Algebra I, Modules 3, 4 and 5 now.
- That the teachers be provided with the transition materials necessary to build on the past years' progress.
- That the DOE address the needs of low achieving Algebra I students, Special Education Students and other students with special learning disabilities. The individual needs of students must be met at the students' developmental stage.
- That the teachers be given a reasonable time frame to teach the content of Algebra I, whether in a one year or two year program.

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Sincerely,

Anthony Nigro, President

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