



Letter: Education goes beyond standards

To the editor

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There is broad consensus among education experts that the Common Core Standards alone will not produce better outcomes, as addressed in [Neal McCluskey](#)'s commentary ("Education experts also oppose core," Oct. 30). Rather, resources, teachers and quality programs are the foundation upon which student success can be built.

The promise of the Common Core was supposed to be to provide a quality curriculum to all students across the state. However, after years of cutting resources and staff, many schools are working off the bare bones. The Common Core does nothing to replace the Advanced Placement courses that were cut from a high school or the art courses cut from a high-need school district.

The variables that affect a student's education go far beyond standards and are important factors in not only providing a quality education but also closing the wide opportunity gap in New York.

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