

BEDFORD TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
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ONE VOICE UNITED, EMPIRE STATE PLAZA, ALBANY, 6/8/13

As you most likely know by now, NYSUT members, along with parents, community members and students from around the state will be traveling to Albany on June 8th to attend the One Voice United Rally.

TOP TEN reasons to March on Albany in the Rally for Public Education:

10. You have realized public education is being hi-jacked by for profit organizations.
9. You are tired of reading about how ineffective you are at your own profession by people who know nothing about education.
8. You believe high stakes testing is out of control in NY.
7. You believe you have not had enough time to learn the Common Core yourself, let alone have your students tested on it!
6. You believe your students' personal information, including their state assessment results and their IEPs and other personal data should be kept confidential.
5. You believe your effectiveness rating should be kept confidential, and don't want a link on the district web page to this information or directions given to get this information.
4. You believe that NYS should report to the public the amount of tax payer money spent on developing, administering, grading and reviewing state assessments.
3. The word PEARSON makes your skin crawl.
2. You have lost faculty due to unfair state budget cuts!

AND THE NUMBER ONE REASON....

- 1. You are a caring professional who wants the BEST public education for your own students, children, and grandchildren and you know this isn't it!**

Averill Park Teachers Association President Michelle Smead published this list of the "Top Ten Reasons" to attend the rally in her local newsletter. Noted activist Diane Ravitch included it in her [national blog](#).

Are you able to give ONE day for the future of public education??

