

**THE BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
A TOWN HALL FORUM FOR PARENTS
MARCH 27, 2014**

***HIGH-STAKES TESTING, PARCC TESTS, COMMON CORE STANDARDS,
UNFUNDED MANDATES, SCHOOL RANKINGS, CHARTER SCHOOLS...
WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN, HOW ARE THESE INITIATIVES AFFECTING YOUR
CHILDREN AND THEIR EDUCATION AND HOW CAN PARENTS GET INVOLVED?***

On Thursday, March 27, 2014 at 7:00 PM, the Bloomfield Board of Education will be hosting a Town Hall Forum to discuss important issues facing public education in New Jersey. Many of the education initiatives school districts are required to adopt are questionable at best and harmful at their worse. The forum will take place at the Bloomfield High School Media Center, 160 Broad Street, Bloomfield, NJ.

Introduction & Overview:

- **Daniel A. Anderson** *Daniel, a current Bloomfield Board of Education member, serves as chair of the personnel subcommittee. He served as a fine arts teacher in Bloomfield for 26 years and holds a dual Master's degree in performing arts and musicology. He obtained his undergraduate degree from Northwestern University*

A Community Activist's Perspective on how we fight back - legislative and community based actions:

- **Dr. Deborah Cornavaca.** *Deborah has a Ph.D. in anthropological archaeology and has been a community activist for over a decade. Deborah serves on the steering committee of Healthy Schools Now, to ensure all New Jersey schools are healthy, safe and modern. She is also the campaign coordinator for Better Choices with Working Families NJ, working to promote working family values in the state budget priorities. She has three school-age children, and serves as president of the East Brunswick High School PTSA and president of the East Brunswick Public Library Board of Trustees.*

Question and Answer Session.

“What was educationally significant and hard to measure has been replaced by what is educationally insignificant and easy to measure. So, now we measure how well we taught what isn't worth learning.” - Arthur Costa, Emeritus Professor at California State University