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**The State Education Department is striving to implement this child data marketplace initiative. A governing body who’s soul interest is supposed to teach and protect our kids. And let’s focus on The Daily News report that the state has spent 50 million dollars of grant money already to partner with Inbloom. Wow 50 million that is lotto winnings. Does anyone know the amount of programs and change you can bring to the school system by dividing at least 1 million to each of the 40 school districts of NYC.
 Programs that will allow the school buildings to open earlier to allow kids access with proper supervision, where they would otherwise be outside waiting or walking to school alone because the parents work early in the morning, and after school programs at those schools to allow parents to leave their kids in school and receive instruction and or homework assistance until they arrive from work at least until 6pm. More parent workshops to help parents even understand the common core curriculum to better aide their child in all areas. Provide those schools with materials and professional developments, to help implement these new programs. 50 million. How much money will go into this project that could be allocated in a more useful way?**

 **It has been stated that many other states have terminated their involvement with Inbloom or have fought to add the opt out option. My question is if this has occurred in these other states, why not approach New York with the idea that these same issues might arise, and hold yourself to a higher standard and offer the opt out option, I believe this would have avoided this revolution against this initiative, it could in fact turn out to be a useful tool in targeted certain students with learning setbacks and normal learners. For the simple fact that the state education department didn't use the opt out tactic or go more public with it plans to partner with Inbloom, leads me to believe that there is more to hide than meets the eye.**

 **Now we look at Aris ,  a similar project of data sharing but the thing about aris is that parents have access to the info. Parents were included in the thought process of the project. To my knowledge Aris shares info from the schools to central and Aris is where it is displayed for parents to view. Inbloom indicates it will share data of New York state children with established and even start up companies willing to produce software for our children. Although it is said these companies should destroy data if they should no longer work with in bloom but there are no checks and balances in place to ensure that. If the Pentagon's and other high security computer systems have been infiltrated what chance does an "Amazon cloud" have?**

 **In conclusion we would like for the state department of education and Inbloom to add the opt out option and make a more vigilant effort of informing all NYC parents of the benefits if any of this entire program. If both parties feel this compromise is not in the scope of their initiative then I would like the bills pending in the senate to move forward to block the partnership with Inbloom entirely.**