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## Local Mom Writes Book to Empower Parents

This compelling journey unravels the truths behind a flawed special education system.

“I began to read the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade evaluation. Within minutes, yes, minutes my heart started racing. I broke out into a sweat.

The wave of emotion was so strong and unexpected. I did not know if I should scream or cry. I did both. There was this one phrase that jumped off the page. Words I have never heard before as it related to Blake. Works that, in four years, could possibly have answered so many questions.”

Offering readers a glimpse into her son’s heartbreaking, yet ultimately triumphant story, author and mother, Elaine Mellon, unmask a compelling portrait behind the astonishing and overwhelming frustrating experiences and roadblocks she faced. Her book, “UnREAL Education: Beyond Report Cards”, offers a shocking exposé on the public school system (both good and not-so-good) through the true account of her son’s academic struggles.

Mellon candidly tells her family’s story, which took place over a 19-year period, with sometimes shocking revelations and difficult encounters without the advocacy or support of most school officials. The book reveals insights into many areas of our academic system including: IEPs, CSEs, IST, SATs, ACTs, tenure, standardized testing, and their family challenges.

Mellon hopes “unREAL Education:



Author Elaine Mellon at a signing for her book “unREAL Education: Beyond Report Cards”.

Beyond Report Cards” will provide encouragement and offer a fresh perspective of support to other parents. She hopes they will be empowered to speak up to do what is needed to advocate for their children. She also hopes that unREAL can help to change the Special Education System as it presently exists as well as help to improve our current Education System as a whole.

This is a must read for all parents and future teachers. For more information, visit [www.unrealeducation.com](http://www.unrealeducation.com) or email her at [unrealeducation@gmail.com](mailto:unrealeducation@gmail.com).

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