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Message:

I welcome the opportunity change education in a way that will significantly impact PA students. However, I believe that the PA Common Core aligned standards are not going to accomplish this goal. The State Board of Education states that the standards are based on the national Common Core which has been internationally benchmarked. Where is the research to support this statement? Why is PA not looking to take the best parts of high performing states and/or countries? PA has had a set of standards for years and our educational system continues to struggle. How is implementing a "new" set of standards going to change this course? This strategy is not "new" at all. Where is the research to demonstrate that the new standards improve academic performance? We need more creativity and mental flexibility in our students and our workforce. How is teaching a student to do well on a standardized test going to accomplish this? Can you measure creativity and flexibility with a standardized test? Our children are much more than a data point. This is an unfunded mandate on our school districts that are already struggling. How much will remediation cost especially in our currently low achieving school districts? High stakes testing to determine how well a school district/teacher is performing is a pretty hefty task for an 8 year old child. Teacher evaluations based on standardized testing is not good for our children with learning disabilities. Teachers will not want to work with these children because most of them my not be able to get to a proficient level. We need to protect our children from data mining. With the US congress loosening standards on FERPA, PA needs to protect our children's personal information. I urge you to go back to the drawing board on reforming education. We must do better than this for our children.