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Message:

After reading hundreds of pages of information about the Common Core Standards program, I am thoroughly convinced that it should be halted in its development before it's fully in place. The program has largely been developed with many false claims communicated to the public along the way, such as the claim that it has been developed with a broad range of input all along the way, and also that the standards meet good international levels. Both of those claims have been proved false. The quality of the material is far below the good literature, for example, which students in the U.S. have traditionally had access to. Math standards are likewise inadequate. There are student assignments that can only be considered shocking and morally unacceptable to a huge number of parents. The provided lesson plans do not meet good teacher-student interaction standards that allow, for example, the free exchange of ideas. It is a program whose costs will be far, far beyond what Pennsylvania citizens can afford. There is no real allowance for different capacities and interests and backgrounds of students. The information I have read includes reviews by educators at many levels of grade and student age experience with soundly negative critiques given by them. These are only some of the problems of Common Core. It is a program that will only put our students further behind in educational success and also in development towards becoming well-rounded, well-prepared, responsible adults and citizens.