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Subject: Common Core in PA

Message:

As a parent in the Downingtown Area School District I am appalled with Common Core and its "implementation". Parents and districts were never asked for input or given any heads up that this federal takeover of our education system was happening. The state sold our children and their futures to the federal government for three billion. Common core isn't working, implementation is dismal, the psychological effects upon the children are visible to all - teachers, aides, and parents. Children are crying in the classroom and crying at home. Their stress and anxiety is palpable to all those around them. Common Core is not suitable for all children. I have two children ages 11 and 9. Both are in the gifted program. My husband and I are both CPAs. If you asked my 9 nine year old last year what his favorite subject was he would answer math without pausing. If you ask him this year what his least favorite subject is he says math without pausing. His 3rd grade class had two tests that came home with the following on them "Due to the children not understanding these concepts, we will not count this grade and will spend the next 3-4 days again covering the material". He got a 100 - he cries because he has to hear the same lesson over and over and over again. At the other end of the spectrum are the children with IEPs who despite the repetition are struggling. A "one size fits all" curriculum is not appropriate in any shape or form for young children. They are all different and unique and need different instructional methods. I implore you to reconsider Common Core. Sincerely - Tracey Lambe