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Dear Sir/Madam;

Please do not relegate our children to being dumbed-down by this horrible standardization program. We need to allow our children to learn as individuals and to be able to achieve whatever they want, it is not optimal to force all children into the same little box - our education system is worse now than it has ever been and will only grow more abhorrent with this program. I have children at the grade school level and one in college and I can tell you now my grade school children are not learning the same way, the mathematics are very awkward and redundant and yet no instructions come home so it makes it hard for parents to help which in turn makes the children think we are dumb and undermines our credibility as parents (which I think is intentional). I refuse to let somebody who has no vested interest in my child's life to take his education so lightly. And you are making teaching a thing of the past- Teachers will be hogtied in what they can and cannot do- so we will be inspiring people who care the least to teach the most - AND the most egregious is the data mining aspect- No one has the right to this information this is just WRONG- Please do not allow the implementation of Common Core in our PA Schools. I promise you, that this state will see good families who want the best for their children leaving en masse to find a place to live where this program doesn't relegate their children to lives of mediocrity. We should instead be working to make the standards higher not lower. For people who grew up in an era thinking they were enlightened it sure seems like the opposite is true for what you want for all those who come after. How sad. There has been no testing of this program, no peer reviews done, teachers are cut from the process and students seem to be having history and math completely re-written in a manner which I believe to be detrimental on many levels. I could go on and I am sorry I am rambling but I am strongly opposed based upon everything I have read and seen for myself and one way or the other I will opt my children from this program. I was always proud of my Pennsylvania education, if Common Core Standards are implemented, I fear those days are gone.

Theresa Bolton-Lynch