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Subject: Common Core is not a good plan!

Message:

Hello, I strongly oppose the implementation of Common Core. It takes the failures of No Child Left Behind one step further by moving the creation of curriculum from state to federal level of government. Corporations that stand to gain from the implementation of the Common Core standards include the Gates Foundation (Microsoft) and Apple, and also Pearson, which not only prints the textbooks and determines the content of those textbooks, but also determines how the students will be evaluated by controlling the content of tests. Common Core removes more control from state and local levels, and traps every child into a one-size-fits-all philosophy of instruction and evaluation. It is teaching to the test at its very worst. A child's excitement to learn occurs in a child centered curriculum. No Child Left Behind is unpopular with teachers and parents in part because of the necessity for teachers to 'teach to the test' instead of finding innovative and inspiring ways to get their students excited about learning. Common Core will double down on the same practices, and in addition, data mining of information about students and their families with respect to everything from their religion to political parties to personal practices and habits will be integrated into it. This is the epitome of the government as a bureaucracy being in bed with corporate interests to promote what is best for everyone except the students. Interesting articles can be found concerning Common Core at this site: <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/news/common-core> Thank you for your time and consideration, and please do not allow the implementation of common Core in Pennsylvania schools.

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