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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: Barbara

Last Name: Heintz

Company:

Email: bahh@zoominternet.net

Subject: PA Core Standards

Message:

Reference IRRC No. 2976 Dear Mr. Summer, Please put a stop to the implementation of PA Core Standards. This is another unfunded mandate that no one can determine how much it will cost. This will adversely impact every school district in PA, without testing to prove that it works. PA Core Standards are bad for PA Students and the taxpayer. Please stop this unfunded and untested regulation. Sincerely, Barbara Heintz

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First Name: Peter

Last Name: Arnold

Company:

Email: arnold00@nep.net

Subject: Common Core

Message:

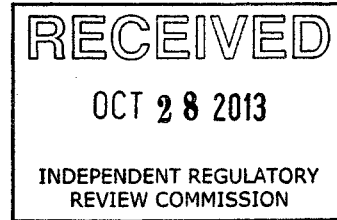
Please do not adopt/ implement Common Core.

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First Name: Edgar

Last Name: Jefferis

Company:

Email: ejinpa5@comcast.net

Subject: oppose common core

Message:

I vehemently oppose common core for the plain and simple reason that it will further place our children and our nation at a severe disadvantage educationally, especially in the math and science fields, world wide. It is no secret that our country is way behind the curve in math and science in comparison to many other countries around the world and the induction of this so called educational platform will do serious damage to any hopes of America competing with the world intellectually. It almost seems as if this "dumbing down" of our children is a sick form of enslavement meant to promote further government dependency and allow certain factions to retain power and control!! I stand firm as an opponent of this legislation and vow to fight it fervently!!

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First Name: lawrence

Last Name: cipolone

Company:

Email: ljcipolonedc@gmail.com

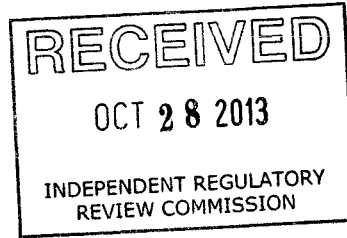
Subject: Against Common Core

Message:

To Whom It May Concern; This is provided to my opinion and give testimony against the Common Core Curriculum in Pennsylvania. Thank you, Lawrence Cipolone

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First Name: Herbert

Last Name: Braden

Company:

Email: hhbraden@gmail.com

Subject: Common Core

Message:

Gentlemen and Ladies, The U.S. Constitution included o power to the Federal government to regulate public schooling. Common Core violates the 10th Ammendment in that it assumes the power to establish public school corricula in local Pennsylvania public schools. I strongly urge that Pennsylvania continue to keep this power in the local school district. Herb Braden

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First Name: Perry

Last Name: Foster

Company: retired

Email: pryfos1@gmail.com

Subject: common core

Message:

I urge all PA congressmen, Republicans and Democrats, to vote against common core. Our traditional educational system has been under attack by socialism (communism) for the last fifty years...and common core is just another attempt to gain control of our children's mind.



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First Name: Jere

Last Name: Casey

Company:

Email: jerecasey@comcast.net

Subject: DEFEAT COMMON CORE

Message:

The Federal Gov't has no right to be in the EDUCATION System. This can be done by the STATES respectfully,

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First Name: Prudence

Last Name: Potter

Company:

Email: prudiepotter@gmail.com

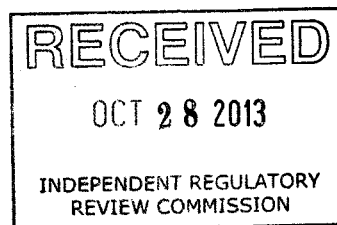
Subject: Common Core

Message:

I do not support Common Core. It will "dumb-down" our children. It takes away local control of our schools. It collects too muchh personal data on the students as well as their families. And, last but not least, it will cost too much additional tax money. Thank you, Prudence Ann Potter

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First Name: Christina

Last Name: Fordyce

Company:

Email: angeltn2@yahoo.com

Subject: Reject Common Core

Message:

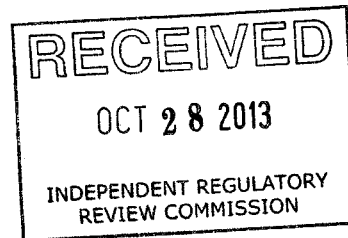
Please reject the decision to implement Common Core in the state of PA. This curriculum will only further dumb-down standards and take more control away from those living/working/learning in our state, giving more power to those far-removed from life here. From what I have personally seen as Common Core continues to be implemented is very disheartening. I do not believe my children are getting the education they deserve. If Common Core is not rejected I feel I will have no choice but to pull my children from school and teach them at home. It is not my first choice, given that I have 3 special needs children who have benefited from the structure of the typical school day, as well as have access to special education, occupational therapy and a sensory room. My tax dollars are hard at work here - and I would like them to be used in a better manner.

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First Name: Roxanna

Last Name: Shento

Company:

Email: roxanna2169@hotmail.com

Subject: Common Core

Message:

We do not need Common Core in Pennsylvania. What we need are Uncommon leaders and teachers. We need Uncommon parents to make exceptional students in our communities for now and in our future. We need Uncommon Education for our Pennsylvania.

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First Name: Denise

Last Name: Ebling

Company:

Email: dcebling@verizon.net

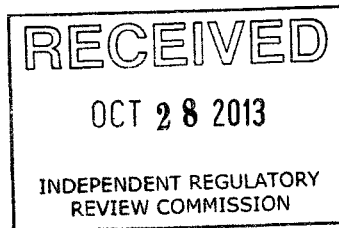
Subject: Common Core

Message:

I m not interested in a government takeover of our educational system. The government can't run themselves no less what to teach our kids.

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First Name: Alan

Last Name: Martin

Company:

Email: amartin@wesco.com

Subject: No to Common Core!

Message:

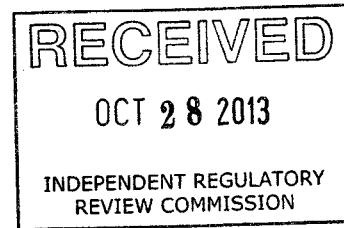
Please do not teach Common Core. Please try to teach our children the "why and how" of all that is America. Teach them the Constitution of the United States of America. Teach them the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America. Teach them about the Revolutionary War. Teach them about the War of 1812. Teach them about the Alamo. Teach them about Secession. Teach them about State sovereignty. Teach them about slavery and the world history of slavery. Teach them about immigration to the U.S. in the 1800's and how European immigrants survived and prospered. Teach them about early colonists and the native Americans. Teach them about the Civil War. Teach them about the lives of our founding fathers and the many great presidents that followed: George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton, Abraham Lincoln, and Ulysses Grant (to name a few). Furthermore, teach them the good and bad of American presidents like Andrew Jackson. If you can teach them the why and how of America's beginning then please continue to teach them what occurred in the 20th century. Americans know less and less about anything prior to the 1940's, and even what they know of history from the 1940's through today lacks any context as if "things just happen." How do I know? I talk to people and ask them. What children need is not a curriculum that aims to "level the playing field," "what they need to know" or any other nonsensical bureaucratic slogan, but rather "what they don't know." Challenge them. Encourage them to explore history and learn from it. They might just find answers to the problems we face today. Thank you.

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First Name: Gary

Last Name: Younkin

Company:

Email: silverback12@outlook.com

Subject: Common core

Message:

We do not need common core. We would be like a sheep following the flock to slaughter. there is already too much intrusion into our lives now. NO COMMON CORE!

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From: ContactForm@state.pa.us
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First Name: Michael

Last Name: Tilley

Company:

Email: miket@tilleyfire.com

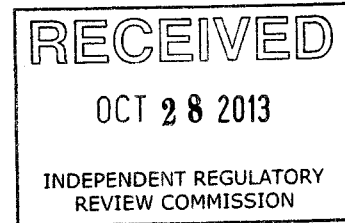
Subject: Common Core - Stop Common Core

Message:

I urge the members of the Independent Regulatory Review Commission to reject the Common Core program for PA. No other school curriculum has ever been this controversial. That is because Common Core is an effort to create a curriculum monopoly. It will negatively affect our children while lining the pockets of a few crony elites. Please protect our kids from this as they are already "Waiting for Superman" Regards, Michael Tilley

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First Name: Baron

Last Name: LeGault

Company:

Email: Blegault@wilmingtontrust

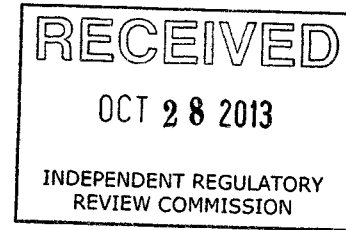
Subject: Common Core

Message:

I would like to voice my concerns that Common core is the wrong approach to education for PA. Standards need to be high in practice, and need to be established at the local level. Having folks work towards basic algebra for example when they graduate high school is not a high enough standard. This will never prepare our students to enter the work force and contribute to society. As I understand it these standards will also require an immense investment in a database to track each student and their progress, this will be very costly to create and update, a cost that does not exist in PA today and from what I've been briefed on includes tracking things like parent political affiliations – not sure what this has to do with education I encourage the IRRC to reject common core for PA.

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First Name: Patricia

Last Name: Barker

Company:

Email: pat.barker1@verizon.net

Subject: Commoncore

Message:

We need to stop Common Core for the sake of our children and in my case, grandchildren. We can't rewrite history, or we will have no future for our Republic to get back on course. We can't put Marxist propoganda in our math questions and every other subject's questions.

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First Name: Susan

Last Name: Rohrer

Company:

Email: srohrer@centurylink.net

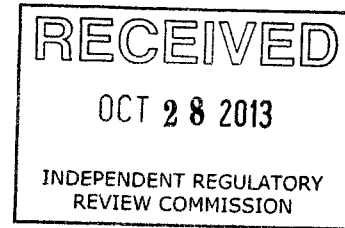
Subject: STOP COMMON CORE

Message:

Please STOP Common Core! Education is not a one size fits all program. Put the education decisions back into the hands of local communities and parents where it truly belongs! Thank You, Susan Rohrer

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First Name: Carrie Ann

Last Name: Lightner

Company:

Email: fencebender1@verizon.net

Subject: Common Core

Message:

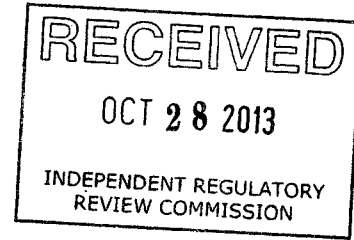
I am writing to urge the commission to reject Common Core in our schools. As a parent I believe this curriculum will not improve the education of my children. In fact I think it will dumb it down. I believe that education tailored for our children at a state or even better a local level is the best process. I want my and all children to learn authentic American history and true math and science. I reject the global focus of Common Core. Please take my view into consideration when voting on this curriculum.

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First Name: Virginia

Last Name: Ohrn

Company:

Email: gohrn@neo.rr.com

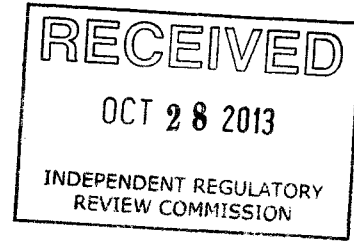
Subject: reg 6-326/IRRC 2976

Message:

I would like to ask that the standardized testing and all aspects of the common core be removed from the education process for our children. Our small town is already seeing arts and music programs cut from the district because of the costs associated with preparing the children for testing. Please stop common core now and return the power to the districts to make the decisions that are best for our children.

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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: Ryan

Last Name: Ginkel

Company:

Email: rginkel627@hotmail.com

Subject: Pennsylvania Core Standards

Message:

I am writing concerning Regulation-6-326/IRRC 297. The Pennsylvania Core standards that have been put into place are an embarrassment to our education system. Not only were these new standards put into place without proper notification to Pennsylvanian families, but it was created without the best interest of our students and teachers in mind. Having our teachers under a microscope and forcing them to strictly teach our children in order to pass the new rigorous testing standards, is only setting them up for failure. Throwing our children into a new system of teaching and testing, when they have not been properly prepared is extremely irresponsible. We are supposed to be giving our children the best path to success, not squeezing them into a one size fits all education system. I hope you will consider the best interests of our Pennsylvania education system and remove the the Pennsylvania core standards, before to much damage is done to our students.

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First Name: Mark

Last Name: Pachuta

Company: Retired

Email: mark.pachuta@verizon.net

Subject: Eliminate the Common Core Curricula

Message:

To the IRRC, While the initial motive for a common national curricula sounded promising on paper, it has since evolved into an exercise of teaching to the lowest common denominator, i.e., a one-size-fits-all dumbing of education. Common Core does not accommodate children who excel, nor is exceptional performance acknowledged. Further, because of Federal funding and subsequent regulation, the states will no longer control the curricula and our children have become targets of massive data collection for the sole purpose of promoting an enterprise close to Bill Gates. Finally, our educators will again be forced to "teach to the test" only this time, for evaluation against indisputably lower standards. Current technology should promote individualized training customized for each student's needs, instead, Common Core forces universal conformity. Mark Pachuta CAPT USN(Ret)

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First Name: Michael C,

Last Name: Revak

Company:

Email: mmrevak@verizon.net

Subject: common core

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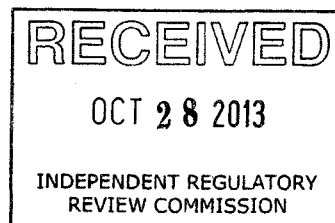
Common Core is a contradiction to the educational process that made our country great.

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First Name: Herb

Last Name: Anderson

Company:

Email: Bangtailbuckaroo@comcast.net

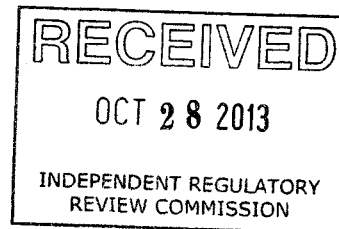
Subject: Common Core

Message:

I am against common core becoming involved in the education system, I do not want the curriculum changed or local control taken away. Personal data is personal and not subject to review by unqualified government employees at a tax increase. This is just one more thing the government will break beyond repair. Leave the system alone. Thank you

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First Name: Shawna

Last Name: Henry

Company:

Email: shawnamariehenry@yahoo.com

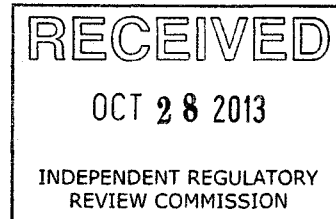
Subject: Common Core

Message:

I am writing to voice my opposition to the Common Core standards. These standards are unproven and will only further sink a broken system. Children do not need more testing and regulation but freedom to learn and play and grow. The data collection is worrisome and invasive. The cost of implementing this will push stretched budgets even further. Nothing good will come of this.

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First Name: Dorrie

Last Name: Young

Company:

Email: einsteinsmom1@gmail.com

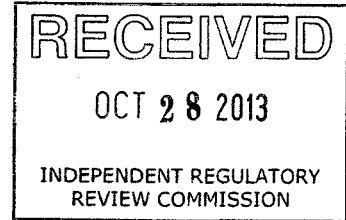
Subject: Common Core

Message:

Please vote NO on Common Core. Many other states are reconsidering their implementation due to the outrageous costs. I feel that this would be a huge step backward for our children's learning, in addition to a waste of our tax dollars.

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First Name: JAMES

Last Name: MARTIN

Company:

Email: JPM_CAM@COMCAST.NET

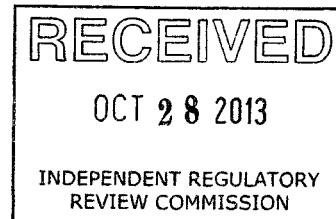
Subject: COMMON CORE

Message:

PLEASE VOTE AGAINST COMMON CORE. I WANT EDUCATION TO STAY IN THE HANDS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND NOT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS NEVER BEEN ABLE TO RUN ANYTHING EFFECTIVELY AND THE FUTURE OF OUR CHILDREN DEPENDS ON A GOOD EDUCATION. OUR COUNTRY IS ALREADY BEHIND A LOT OF OTHER COUNTRIES WHEN IT COMES TO EDUCATION AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RUNNING EDUCATION WILL ONLY MAKE THINGS WORSE.

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First Name: Mr & Mrs John C.

Last Name: Dietz

Company:

Email: jacknmaryfran@ddogcom.net

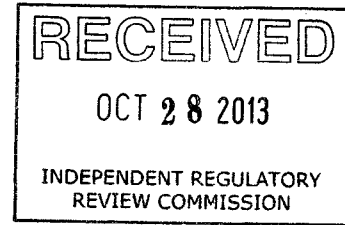
Subject: Common Core

Message:

Do not believe that a one size fits all education. Government has no place in dictating the requirements for our children. Again Gov. is trying to enforce what they want our children to know and it is not always true to history. Education is the responsibility of the state not the Federal Gov. We are heading into a dictatorship that needs to be curbed NOW.

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First Name: B

Last Name: Pudliner

Company:

Email: b24_liberator@verizon.net

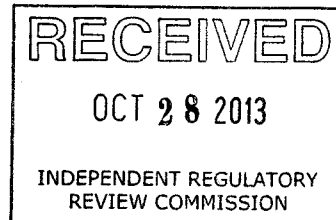
Subject: common core

Message:

I do not want this system implemented into school curriculum as it is designed to DUMB down children now and forever not giving them the opportunity to learn of our history the way it was made and written they are trying to rewrite and that is WRONG!

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First Name: Kim

Last Name: Miller

Company:

Email: kimkat16@msn.com

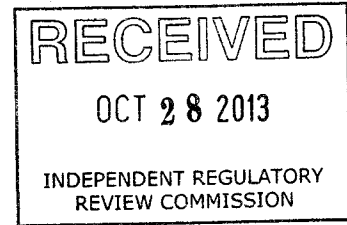
Subject: Common Core

Message:

Children are not robots they are individuals and they should not be subjected to the same standards for all. They all have different needs especially where education is concerned. They all learn at different paces. This constant need for the government to control every aspect of our lives and our children's lives must stop now!!!!!!

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First Name: Vincent

Last Name: Ryan

Company:

Email: ponchonutso@msn.com

Subject: Common Core

Message:

I am writing to express my strong disagreement with the proposed implementation of the Common Core curriculum. The concepts proposed in this regulation will lead to the dumbing down of curriculum standards, take away local control from the school districts, and collect unnecessary and personal data on every student and their families in a manner which violates their right of privacy in an unprecedented and intrusive manner. This is how things were started in Nazi Germany, and that didn't turn out very well for millions of people, did it ? Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it! To make matters even worse, even more of our hard earned taxpayers dollars will be used to fund it, and we've already poured way too much money into a system of Public Education in this country which is a miserable failure compared to that of other civilized nations. Common core is NOT in the best interest of our young people, their families and our country. It poses a threat to our freedom as a people and will lead to the indoctrination of our children with principles that are in direct conflict with those of individual liberty and personal achievement. It should NOT be implemented!

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Last Name: Glidden

Company:

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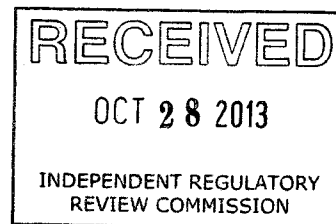
Subject: pjglid@verizon.net

Message:

Please stop Common Core!

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Last Name: Nickalls

Company:

Email: nauru@comcast.net

Subject: Common Core

Message:

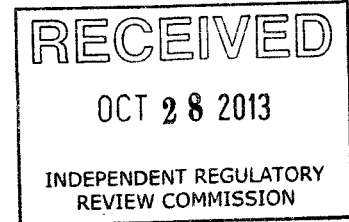
I am very much against Common Core. The education of our children today determines the future of America tomorrow and its place in the world. I believe Common Core will lead to a generation who will have lost the enterprising spirit of our forefathers through lack of knowledge of our yhistory

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First Name: Kyle

Last Name: Lehman

Company:

Email: Kalehman1@gmail.com

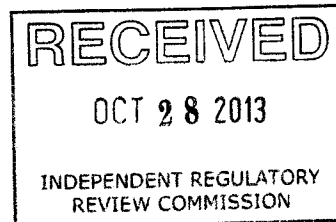
Subject: Common core

Message:

I'm asking IRRC to reject common core. Government has no place governing how or what our children are taught. Children do not learn at the same pace. So let teachers teach. Do not let them become administrators. Common core will dumb down our nation.

Cooper, Kathy

From: ContactForm@state.pa.us
Sent: Saturday, October 26, 2013 11:46 AM
To: Help
Subject: IRRC Website - New Message



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First Name: Kyle

Last Name: Atteberry

Company:

Email: Kyle_atteberry@yahoo.com

Subject: Stop common core

Message:

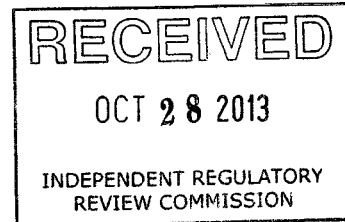
In the interest of our children and this state, please do not go forward with the common core initiative.

Cooper, Kathy

From: ContactForm@state.pa.us
Sent: Saturday, October 26, 2013 12:35 PM
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Subject: IRRC Website - New Message



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First Name: Constance M.

Last Name: Bierzonski

Company: Pennsylvania Taxpayer

Email: cbierzonski@verizon.net

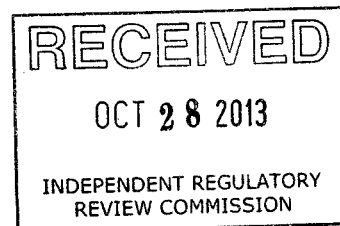
Subject: Common Core Standards for PA

Message:

I am against the dumbing down of education. From what I have seen and read, CCSS result in lower standards, playing to the lowest common denominator in students. Excellence will not be acknowledged, let alone rewarded. Students are encouraged to work 'together' to come up with common solutions. Where is the innovation supposed to come from? 2nd: CCSS is too expensive, makes the IT companies rich by supplying the technical equipment, and will be difficult to control locally. Local school districts will not be responsible for content, insofar as curriculum is concerned. 3rd: Parents are discouraged from being involved in the entire process of education, which strikes me as odd, after 30 years of teachers complaining parents need to be MORE involved in their children's education. 4th: It is a supremely bad idea to be deciding the 'track' students are to be on while they are still in middle school. I have 4 children, 2 of whom were late bloomers. They are both professionals, 1 a State Trooper, 1 a Physical Therapist. Neither would have impressed anyone in the first 9 years of their education. It is not the business of schools to be deciding the life plans of adolescents. That is for the students and parents to work out, with their personal knowledge of their own situation. Please do not implement this misbegotten idea for Pennsylvania education.

Cooper, Kathy

From: ContactForm@state.pa.us
Sent: Saturday, October 26, 2013 2:49 PM
To: Help
Subject: IRRC Website - New Message



A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: Mark

Last Name: Majdosz

Company:

Email: majdosz1@verizon.net

Subject: stop common core

Message:

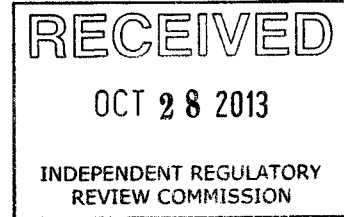
Please accept this as my plea to stop or at least delay the implementation of Common Core. I don't believe the public at large is aware of what is actually in this curriculum. The bits I've seen are truly objectionable and I believe that most people would not approve if they had a chance to actually see it. Please, please stop it or at least let the people decide....it is their children after all.

Cooper, Kathy

From: ContactForm@state.pa.us
Sent: Saturday, October 26, 2013 3:02 PM
To: Help
Subject: IRRC Website - New Message



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First Name: Lorah

Last Name: Schlittler

Company:

Email: cybil3@rcn.com

Subject: Common Core

Message:

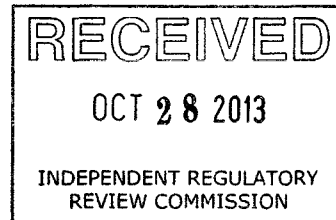
Please keep Common Core out of our schools. It is already creeping into our Catholic Schools. Not enough people understand what it is. The public needs to be educated. Thank you.

Cooper, Kathy

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First Name: Sandi

Last Name: Bronson

Company:

Email: Sandisjb@hotmail.com

Subject: Education

Message:

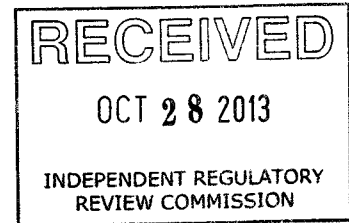
The government does not need to get involved in the schools curriculum. Our schools need to get back to basic English, math and especially our history. You can not go forward without knowing our history. We do not need government interference, we need less government interference. I am sick of the government.

Cooper, Kathy

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First Name: Patricia

Last Name: McCorkle

Company:

Email: mccorkleranch@verizon.net

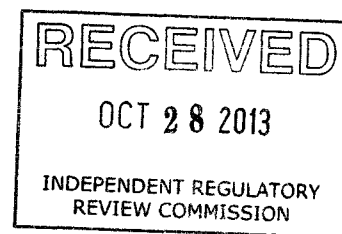
Subject: Common Core standards

Message:

I strongly oppose Common Core standards in Pennsylvania as the basis for developing our educational standards and curriculum. Rather than encouraging the best in our children, it settles for mediocrity. Our local teachers and administrators can - and have done - so much better. Our struggling schools need social reform, not minimal requirements which become the ceiling of achievement. Our best teachers are held back, too, not able to explore freely with their students because it's not "in the book." Instead of creating a low standard of excellence, which is the Common Core goal, let's support our best teachers, use common sense, make high grades a reward which students strive for, and hold parents responsible for doing their jobs as parents. Please repeal Common Core in PA - we are dumbing down our children.

Cooper, Kathy

From: ContactForm@state.pa.us
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First Name: Karin

Last Name: Wahlstrom

Company:

Email: Karinsfiat@aol.com

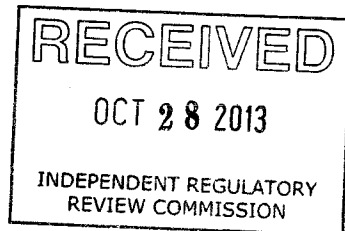
Subject: Common Core

Message:

Common Core is bad for our students, our teachers, our parents, our state, and our country. Common Core threatens to dumb-down curriculum standards, take away local control, and collect personal data on every student and their families. And the government will take even more of our hard-earned tax dollars to do it! Who in their right mind would ever agree to implement such a program.

Cooper, Kathy

From: ContactForm@state.pa.us
Sent: Saturday, October 26, 2013 7:38 PM
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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: Mare

Last Name: Rich

Company:

Email: buzzbowe818@aol.com

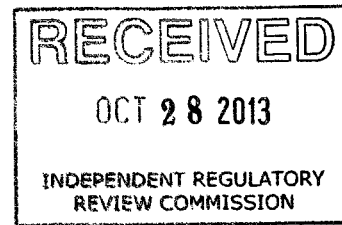
Subject: Common Core

Message:

NO to common Core Government should not be in our schools calling the educational priorities, best left to teachers

Cooper, Kathy

From: ContactForm@state.pa.us
Sent: Saturday, October 26, 2013 8:50 PM
To: Help
Subject: IRRC Website - New Message



A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: James

Last Name: Evans

Company:

Email: jfevansvmd@gmail.com

Subject: Common core

Message:

The common core curriculum is wrong for Pa. We have a lot wrong with our public school system and common core will definitely make it worse. As you peel back the layers of this program it is frightening what it will do to students and families.

Cooper, Kathy

From: ContactForm@state.pa.us
Sent: Saturday, October 26, 2013 8:57 PM
To: Help
Subject: IRRC Website - New Message



A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website



First Name: John

Last Name: Beers

Company:

Email: Lockmuppadoc@gmail.com

Subject: Stop Core Curriculum

Message:

My daughter is in 3rd grade. The new program is not conducive to her undeveloped brain. She use to love to do homework (would run and get her book bag), but now cries when its time. The math portion is hard for her (and myself) to comprehend. The problems seem simple enough, yet when a correct answer is given, it is not right. This abstract thinking for math makes no sense as in math, there has to be a correct answer. Kids think in concrete terms at this age, Johnny has five apples and ate two, how many apples are left? This is a concrete problem. The answer is easy for them to achieve. Telling an 8 year old that their are 500 theater seats and about 289 seats are taken. About how many are left? If you answered 211, you are wrong! I agree that our education needs revamped, but to use an untested program is not the answer. Look at the countries who excel in education to see why they are in the top five in the world, and create a program that reflects that program.

Cooper, Kathy

From: ContactForm@state.pa.us
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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website



First Name: Richard

Last Name: Felice

Company:

Email: richfelice@aol.com

Subject: Regulation #6-326

Message:

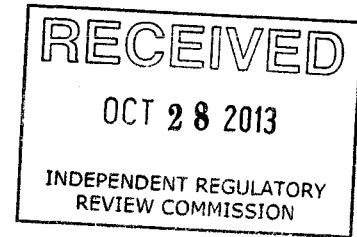
Ms. Fiona E. Wilmarth Mr. Scott R. Schalles Ms. Michelle L. Elliott Pursuant to the forthcoming IRRC review on Regulation #6 – 326: Academic Standards and Assessment, has the PDE ever documented the cost with substantiation to implement and sustain the regulation and the impact to each PA school district? If so, would the IRRC provide these costs with substantiation to the public when the IRRC comments are provided? If not, would it not be premature and irresponsible for the Commission to consider this regulation for review and subsequent approval?

Cooper, Kathy

From: ContactForm@state.pa.us
Sent: Sunday, October 27, 2013 12:45 AM
To: Help
Subject: IRRC Website - New Message



A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website



First Name: Gene

Last Name: Steffen

Company: N/A

Email: gsteffen1944@aol.com

Subject: Common Core

Message:

My 6th great grandfather arrived in Philadelphia, PA in 1750 and worked his way to what is now Snyder County Pennsylvania. He established a homestead and was on the first tax rolls in 1768. My family has lived the history of this Great Country since before it's inception. I cannot and will not allow a program, such as Common Core to change the History that my family has lived through and been part of to be changed and distorted for political and progressive reasons. On behalf of the Steffen family, please reject the Common Core regulations and not allow our magnificent history to be distorted.

Cooper, Kathy

From: ContactForm@state.pa.us
Sent: Sunday, October 27, 2013 6:08 AM
To: Help
Subject: IRRC Website - New Message



A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: Tom

Last Name: Eddy

Company: Retired

Email: voodoo@pennswoods.net

Subject: Common Core

Message:

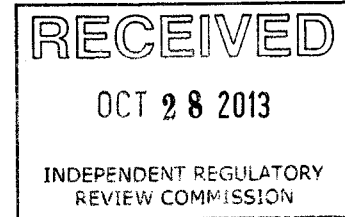
Very simply put. dispense with the common core "Baloney" and get back to some very simple basics. Enough said.

Cooper, Kathy

From: ContactForm@state.pa.us
Sent: Sunday, October 27, 2013 7:59 AM
To: Help
Subject: IRRC Website - New Message



A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website



First Name: Mary Ann

Last Name: Morales

Company:

Email: maryannmooney@aol.com

Subject: Common Core standards

Message:

Ladies and Gentlemen: As a mother of 3 elementary school children, I urge the State to delay or get rid of the common core standards in the great Commonwealth of PA . Giving pause to these standards would allow the commonwealth to evaluate the effectiveness of this program based on test scores. Various academians have come forward all over the country to decry Common Core because of its sub standards compared to other countries around the globe. Time and again across the USA teachers have submitted testimony that classical style of learning is what helps our kids compete globally. If the outcry against this program is a redflag that should indicate that this program needs to be put on the back burner to allow ample time to pass for evaluation. ONE must also question the motivation behind the various foundations who have a poor track record in products for the educational market. I believe there is an agenda behind this program that is not in our nations best interest.

Cooper, Kathy

From: ContactForm@state.pa.us
Sent: Sunday, October 27, 2013 2:53 PM
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First Name: John

Last Name: Proud

Company:

Email: jgproud@lycos.com

Subject: Common Core

Message:

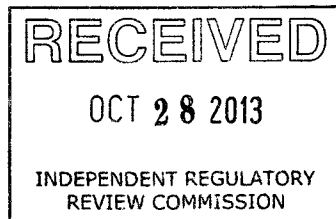
Central Planning in education is inept, ineffective and unnecessary. Let local school districts determine their own curricula. They, afterall, know what's best for themselves.

Cooper, Kathy

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To: Help
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First Name: Dr. G. Mick

Last Name: Smith

Company:

Email: gmicksmith@gmail.com

Subject: Stop Common Core

Message:

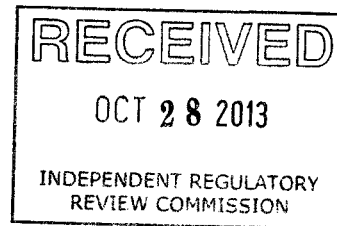
I have been a Common Core teacher, not by choice, for the last three years and it is terrible. Common Core threatens to dumb-down curriculum standards, take away local control, and collect personal data on every student and their families. And the government will take even more of my hard-earned tax dollars. Stop this monstrosity now! Thank you

Cooper, Kathy

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First Name: Richard

Last Name: Phillips

Company:

Email: rik1@comcast.net

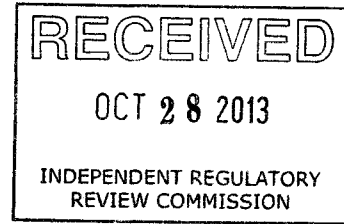
Subject: Common core has frustrated my child in less than 8wks.!

Message:

Hello, my name is Richard Phillips and I have a 12yr. old child in 6th grade. Our school district, being in Western Pa., has adopted the Common Core curriculum this year. I can say that we are already very dissatisfied with the curriculum not only due to the one size fits all nature of it which never works and not even due to the potential for abuse and propagandization of our children by a proven less than scrupulous federal government or even the data mining that this program opens us up to . The immediate problem is that it has taken a nearly straight "A" student and turned him into someone struggling to maintain anything over a "C". Hours of homework with vague and from what I can tell poorly thought out assignments to what seems to be not nearly enough classroom explanation of the lessons. My son has always been a great student and always seemed to enjoy school but this year as we do homework together I find that even I am having great difficulty in trying to determine the point of these lessons and my son is totally frustrated and half the time doesn't even know what's expected of him exactly. Big changes such as the removal of cursive from the curriculum, subtle manipulation of how history is being taught and rearranging the thought process for simple math. I don't know who these "central planners" think they are but they surely have no idea what us "ordinary Americans" expect from our government. We know what they're up to and it's called "control". This has just begun and it already has failed in my opinion. Our education system began failing shortly after the Dep. of Education came into being and somehow they think more Government control will fix it? I want the Federal Government out of our schools. Give it back to the states who are accountable to their citizens. The States have always been laboratories of success and this needs to be restored. I for one am furious with this Governments meddling in our daily lives and now they're meddling with my sons education which is his future and I demand it be stopped. Thank you.

Cooper, Kathy

From: ContactForm@state.pa.us
Sent: Sunday, October 27, 2013 6:42 PM
To: Help
Subject: IRRC Website - New Message



A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: Linda

Last Name: Smith

Company:

Email: Notgracefull@hotmail.com

Subject: Common core

Message:

Our children are not all the same. They should learn the truth not be taught what common cores utopian theory.

Cooper, Kathy

From: ContactForm@state.pa.us
Sent: Sunday, October 27, 2013 9:29 PM
To: Help
Subject: IRRC Website - New Message



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First Name: Cynthia

Last Name: Pyle

Company:

Email: cyndypyle@yahoo.com

Subject: Common Core

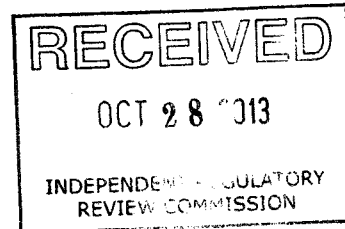
Message:

Common Core threatens to dumb-down curriculum standards, take away local control, and collect personal data on every student and their families. Education should be run by local government and Absolutely NOT spread propaganda for the federal government!!!!

Cooper, Kathy

From: IRRC
Subject: FW: IRRC Website - New Message

From: ContactForm@state.pa.us [mailto:ContactForm@state.pa.us]
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 10:52 AM
To: Help
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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: Jerome

Last Name: Gardner

Company:

Email: jerome.r.gardner@comcast.net

Subject: CommonCause

Message:

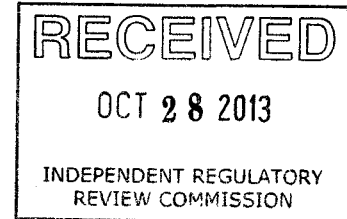
It is clear that CommonCause is a cultural imposition to minimize independent thought and skew history. History is an interpretation of events. That said, one version can never tell the story - it is the amalgamation of many perspectives that leads on to the truth. Please reconsider and allow independent school districts to select and implement its own curriculum. Our students should not become just the members of the collective.

Cooper, Kathy

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First Name: Bonnie

Last Name: Stewart

Company: 1962

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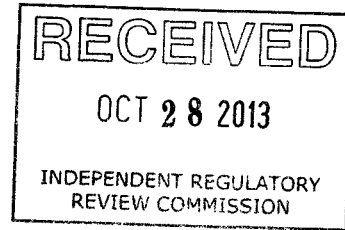
Subject: common core

Message:

i vote to stop common core, tuition for college and other private schools is expensive as it is. i don't think common core should collect information on students and their families unless they are suspected of terrorism or other acts of violence.

Cooper, Kathy

From: ContactForm@state.pa.us
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First Name: Maria

Last Name: Heider

Company:

Email: theheiders1@verizon.net

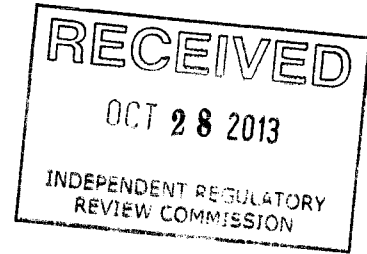
Subject: Common Core Objection

Message:

I am strongly opposed to the Common Core Standards being imposed upon our school systems. The very people who are the most trained in how our children learn are excluded from the discussion such as Teachers, Parents and Local School Boards will have no say in the execution of Common Core Standards. One size fits all is a disastrous approach to education. As a taxpayer I resent using my hard earned dollars on a socialistic form of education. I strongly urge a full rejection of the Common Core Standards in Pennsylvania Schools!

Cooper, Kathy

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Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 6:59 AM
To: Help
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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: Nicholas

Last Name: Mangraviti

Company:

Email: nickmangraviti@gmail.com

Subject: Common Core-NO

Message:

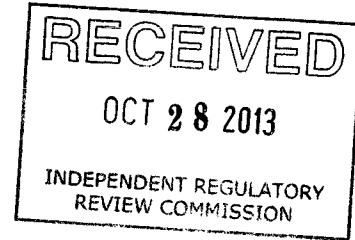
Common Core has got to be stopped. The standards it sets are too low to compete with other countries. The ones with whom we seek to compete have rejected it. This will lower, not raise the bar for all and especially hurt the children who need the most help. You are America's last hope.

Cooper, Kathy

From: ContactForm@state.pa.us
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 8:02 AM
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First Name: Claudia

Last Name: Sheaffer

Company:

Email: fernwood@embarqmail.com

Subject: Common Core

Message:

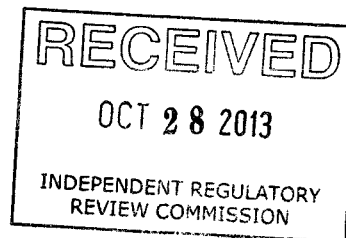
I am writing to ask that the IRRC reject Common Core. It is nothing short of a federal takeover of education and will spend tax dollars we cannot afford to fund what we do not need. Common Core will further dumb down standards, take away local control, and invade the privacy rights of students and their families by collecting personal data. This is the wrong way to go in an effort to improve our already broken public education system. Please reject Common Core for Pennsylvania.

Cooper, Kathy

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Subject: IRRC Website - New Message



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First Name: Robert

Last Name: Chislow

Company: Belco Services

Email: rchislow@comcast.net

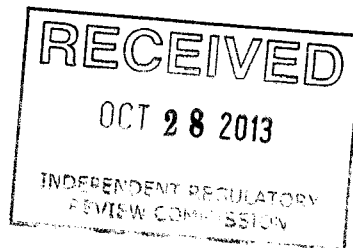
Subject: Common Core

Message:

As A Pennsylvania parent who is worried the Common Core will ruin our educational system,. I urge you to reject it. This will invade our privacy, take control from state hands, and lower our standards. I, along with many other parents will choose home school if Common Core standards are adopted. Thank You

Cooper, Kathy

From: ContactForm@state.pa.us
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First Name: ART

Last Name: TURNER

Company:

Email: HAP@ATLANTICBB.NET

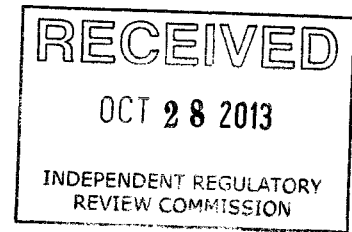
Subject: NO TO COMMON CORE

Message:

I AM NOT VERY HAPPY WITH THE WAY COMMON CORE IS TRYING TO DUMB-DOWN THE CURRICULUM STANDARDS, TAKE AWAY LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD CONTROL, AND I DON'T THINK WE NEED ANYMORE COLLECTION OF PERSONAL DATA ON EVERY STUDENT, BIG BROTHER HAS ENOUGH. PLEASE STOP THIS PROGRAM.

Cooper, Kathy

From: ContactForm@state.pa.us
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 9:31 AM
To: Help
Subject: IRRC Website - New Message



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First Name: Bob

Last Name: Ferguson

Company:

Email: Green51@aol.com

Subject: Common Core

Message:

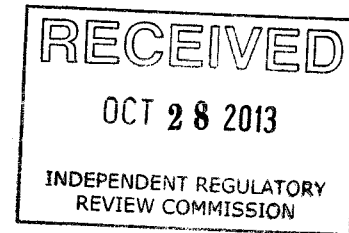
Common Core is wrong and destructive to future of our children. As an example; after attending an IEP meeting for my one child, where I have repeatedly indicated that I do not want my child taught math or to be tested using a calculator. The reason; a calculator is nothing more than a crutch, the child does not learn to solve the problem by using her mind and provides a false educational indicator with current test results. I was informed that is part of Common Core that the use of a calculator must be in the IEP. Another example; My child comes home with a study guide which is nothing more than an answer sheet to a test that she will be taking the next day. This is tantamount to teaching to the test and does not challenge what she was to have learned.

Cooper, Kathy

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Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 9:49 AM
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Subject: IRRC Website - New Message



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First Name: Heidi

Last Name: Bashen

Company:

Email: Hebashen@comcast.net

Subject: Common core

Message:

To whom it may concern, last year my daughter was in 9th grade. We had several instances come up which caused me a great deal of concern. The first incident was when she had to answer 4 questionnaires for a history class. They contained questions about abortion, belief in God, homosexuality, and political affiliation. I felt these questionnaires were an invasion of her privacy and our family privacy. I approached the school board when I didn't get a response from the teacher and they said they would find out why the teacher needed this information. When I tried to print off these questionnaires they had been deleted from the web. My daughter was understandably disturbed because even though her name wasn't on the questionnaire which she answered though her school issued ipad there is a number assigned to each ipad which corresponds to the student's name. That is a problem for me. The other instance is group math. At the beginning of the year she was grouped with 3 other students and they were to help each other understand the principles they were being taught. As the year progressed the group dynamic kept changing with the "smart" people instructing the group and the teacher walking around if a student needed help. I don't have an issue with students helping other students but I do have a problem with a teacher not teaching. Finally, there were the team math tests. My daughter was concerned that her GPA would suffer due to the inability of the rest of the members of the group to grasp the math concepts. My daughter works very hard to perform well and is very studious. She informed me that during the team math tests she would answer the questions on the test and then allow her classmates to copy off her paper because the teacher was to pick one paper and that would be the grade for the group. She wanted to maintain her GPA. I did speak to the board and teacher regarding this. The board seemed surprised but the teacher told me she was instructed to teach this way. The problem I have is that there is much confusion regarding this common core. The school board says it's the state's fault, the teachers say it's the Board's fault, the state says it's the federal govt's fault and that they didn't instruct the Board to do these things. Everyone is pointing fingers and I'm still no closer to answers. As a taxpayer I am concerned that my money is being used for a program that is fundamentally flawed. In the math test instance if my daughter allows others to copy from her paper who does she help? The kids will be no smarter because they will not be doing their own work and being passed along through the grades. Since the inception of the no child left behind our public schools have been graduating people who cannot even do simple math and can only read at an 8 or 9 grade level. This is very disturbing.

Since these things have happened to my daughter I have pulled her from the public school system and am now in the process of homeschooling her.

Cooper, Kathy

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Ms. Fiona E. Wilmarth Mr. Scott R. Schalles Ms. Michelle L. Elliott I would like to offer a rebuttal to the Norwin School District's letter to the IRRC, dated October 15, 2013, in support of PA Core Standards via Chapter 4 regulations. Dr. McNelly mentions that adoption of PA Core Standards and aligned assessments are important reforms which will help ensure high school graduates in Pennsylvania have a strong educational foundation needed to transition to post secondary life. I ask Dr. McNelly, prior to the implementation of PA Core Standards, were graduates of Pennsylvania not ready to meet the challenges of post secondary life? Allow me to remind her that in my seven decades of life I have witnessed many Pennsylvania (and other state) graduates succeed in post secondary life extending into colleges, universities and direct placement into industry. I recall the design and fabrication of the first nuclear submarine without PA Core Standards. I recall research and development, design and fabrication of our first earth satellite, landing and returning man on the moon all without the use of general purpose computers or PA Core Standards. Let's not forget the medical, scientific, recreational and PC advances ensuing from NASA related programs ... all resulting from the ingenuity, inventiveness and creativity of Pennsylvania high school graduates. These examples, to name a few, occurred during the mid 20th century until the late 1970's all without PA Core Standards. I might add that all these examples supported a global economy. One begs to ask, what is so different today as compared to the mid 20th century when spectacular achievements were accomplished by graduates who were taught "the old fashion way" without PA Core Standards or its identical twin, the federal Common Core? The answer ... the federal Department of Education was created and opened for business in 1980. Shortly thereafter educational standards and student performance declined and continued to decline for thirty plus years to where we are today. Education "experts" are now looking for new ways to teach our students when in fact we had a proven track record of success over 60 years ago. The PA Core Standards with regulations are not inexpensive. These throw good money after bad, trying to build a new structure on a foundation of sand. Dr. McNelly states that "as compared to previous academic standards, the PA Core Standards are rigorous, internationally bench-marked standards developed by Pennsylvania teachers and are aligned to the Common Core State Standards." The proponents of PA Core Standards or Common Core have used the word rigorous all too many times to describe the content of their standards. If fact when one looks at the PA Core Standards and compares them to the federal

Common Core Standards one notices that the two standards are near identical twins bench-marked internationally to a lower level. Certainly, to a level lower than what existed 60 years ago. It was mentioned in Dr. McNelly's letter that the district teachers wholly support the PA Core Standards. The teachers I have met at school board meetings have welcome my involvement to oppose PA Core Standards and to be their voice of opposition to state authorities. A claimed "benefit" of Keystone Exams is the ability of a student to re-take the exam should the student fail the test. This option is available again should the student fail the test a second time. After each failure the student shall receive supplemental instructions followed by a demonstration of proficiency on a project base assessment. Preparations for each re-test requires the student to receive special remediation "where teachers review data, make decisions about the needs of their students, re-teach concepts and skills, and then provide students an opportunity to test again." Could this be a version of "No Child Left Behind" or everyone gets a trophy? Does it ever occur to the educators that not every child will succeed? Has the cost of special treatment of those requiring remediation ever been addressed? The PDE has not addressed the cost and if they have they have not released the cost analysis. How can a school board move forward with this program not knowing the cost impact to its community? Let's address the waiver provision. There is a provision in the regulations which provides the mechanism for the chief administrator to waive the proficiency requirement and award students' diplomas in special circumstances. If this is criteria for endorsing PA Core Standards, then the question has been answered that indeed everyone gets a trophy. Designing nuclear submarines, putting a man on the moon, medical and scientific advancements were not made possible with trophy collectors. The last point I would like to address is Dr. McNelly's comment about having "invested much time and money in our effort to align our curriculum and instruction to the PA Core Standards. Failing to enact these standards would undermine the time and effort my district already has dedicated to this important work." When the Norwin School District (and other state school districts) started their effort to align the curriculum and instruction to meet, at the time, undefined standards and new teaching methods they did so at their own financial peril. As PA Core Standards or Common Core became further defined and the full implication of the Common Core agenda was uncovered, school boards had to assess whether to throw good money after bad money into a program of reduced "rigor" with unproven results. To use the time and monies already spent as another justification for endorsing PA Core Standards is ludicrous and wasteful. Respectfully, Richard Felice Coatesville, PA