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Subject: Common Core in PA

Message:

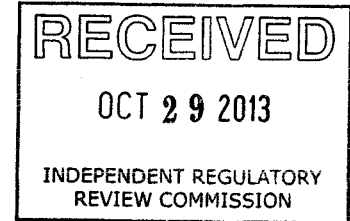
Common Core threatens to dumb-down curriculum standards, take away local control, and collect personal data on every student and their families. This is not why we send our children to school. They need to learn to read, comprehend what they read, science, math and the real history of our Great country. No wonder American children are so far behind, do what is needed - teach. Thank you.

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Subject: Regulation #6-326

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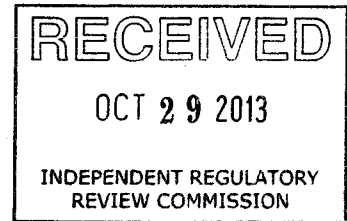
I would like to offer a rebuttal to the PDE Response to Comments October 2013 bottom of page 18 top of page 19 shown herein: Comment: Commentators cite a Pioneer Institute publication estimating a \$650 million implementation cost to the Commonwealth to implement Common Core Standards. PDE Response: Since the adoption of revised academic standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics in 2010, the Department has expended \$204,355 on implementation to support standards' alignment, revisions to Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) assessment anchors, and the development of Eligible Content related to the revised standards. Further, the charts submitted by a commentator estimating technology, professional development and textbook/materials costs at \$650 million are labeled as "costs for states in PARCC and SBAC." Those acronyms refer to the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) and the Smarter-Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC), two state-led efforts developing assessments aligned to the Common Core Standards. Pennsylvania currently is not a governing state in either assessment consortium, meaning the Commonwealth has not made a commitment to utilize either assessment. Further, the final-form regulation prohibits the Commonwealth from becoming a governing state in either consortium and expresses the Board's intention to not utilize these national assessments as part of the state assessment system. Therefore, cost estimates specific to the requirements of those assessment consortium are not directly relevant and do not reflect the Commonwealth's plan for implementation of its academic standards and related state-specific assessments. Rebuttal: How does the PDE explain in its 2010 RTTT application to the US Federal government the words "These RTTT funds, in tandem with the \$140 million in School Improvement funds and ongoing phase-in of \$2.6 billion to districts in new state monies through our school adequacy formula are both necessary and sufficient to meet and sustain the ambitious goals summarized in our application"? So I submit to the PDE how much will Common Core cost the taxpayers? Can the PDE justify the costs? These questions have been asked as far back as May 2013 at the Senate hearings and to date the PDE has remained silent. PDE: Answer these questions! The taxpayers and school districts need answers.

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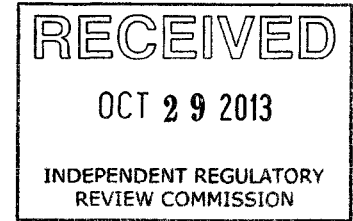
Reference IRRC No. 2976 Dear Mr. Sumner, Please put a stop to the implementation of Pa Core Standards immediately. First and foremost, no one can determine how much it will cost. Our school districts are already plagued with budget problems and is trying to deal with the imminent pension crisis. Pa Core Standards are nothing more than another unfunded mandate. No one can confirm how much the implementation will cost let alone remediation. How can we implement something without knowing how much it will cost? This is senseless and dangerous. Further, Pa Core Standards will bring on additional testing that is a public health concern. Over testing our students is creating unnecessary stress with no proof of outcome. Children as young as 2nd grade are getting physically ill from the pressure these tests are creating. As the children get older, the stakes are higher and the psychological and physical consequences are even greater. There is a huge movement against high stakes testing here in Pennsylvania and with good reason. High stakes testing affects the well-being of our students. Opting out is becoming a movement. This is and will create an additional cost that has not been considered. Pa Core Standards are bad for Pennsylvanian students and the tax payer. Please stop this unfunded and unfounded regulation. Sincerely, Joyce Valent

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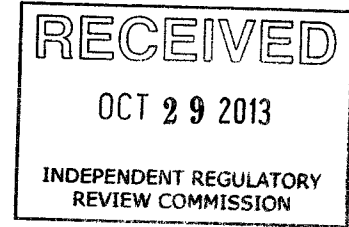
Subject: Common Core

Message:

Dear Members of the IRRC, Please reject Common Core as it will dumb-down curriculum standards, take away local control, and collect personal data on every student and their families. I don't want my hard-earned tax dollars going to something I disagree with. I don't think a small group of people in Washington DC should control the schools in Pennsylvania. Thank you

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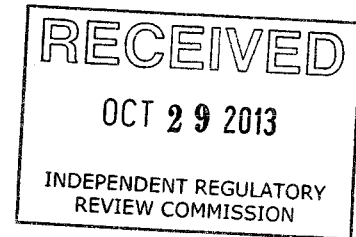
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I have been reviewing my son's homework and have been appalled at the way the Common Core math is being taught. Totally ridiculous methods and terms that dumbs down math and actually makes it more complicated instead of simpler. My son is in 5th grade and excels at math. But because of this one-size-fits-all mentality, he is being limited by the low standards and by lumping all children together. My background includes college calculus, so I know a thing or two about math, and I know my son better than the federal government, and so do his teachers. The federal government needs to STAY OUT OF OUR SCHOOLS and give the classrooms back to the states and teachers. Let THEM decide how best to teach them.

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Subject: No COMMON CORE!!!

Message:

Question - Would you teach common core to you kids? Common Core is an intrusion in our children's life, it will take control away from the parents which is unacceptable as well. I urge you to please vote NO on Common Core!!! America doesn't need to be dumber.