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Dear Director Wilmarth

I have served as school director for the past eight years and have become increasingly frustrated and disheartened by the direction of our education specifically coming from the State and Federal mandates. The more information I learn about that standardized curriculum (yes, that's right...curriculum is being directly driven by the common cores), the more I am worried about our future. The NCLB has drained our resources enough as it is and now we will be forced to remediate weaknesses to mediocre instead of teaching to excellence! Our students are going from being the "client" of education to the "product" of education. There is simply not a 'one size fits all' answer for education as they are all individuals, with unique learning capabilities with DIFFERENT interests. On top of the standardizes, they are being taught 'what' to think rather than 'how' to think from some of the content in the texts AND tests coming out of the Department of Education. The things that are going on right now are downright unconstitutional and it needs to stop. Education should be control at the state (without being strong armed with threats or sweetened with stimulus money) and local levels and with our parents, not the federal government. I urge you to help eliminate the train wreck which is 'dumbing down' our education system. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely concerned,

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