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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

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Subject: Oppose Common Core

Message:

October 7, 2013 To Whom It May Concern: I am writing to express my concern with the implementation of Common Core into our state of Pennsylvania. I oppose a program that takes away power from the local schools, the teachers, and our state, and gives it over to federal control. I oppose a one size fits all approach to education. All children will not learn at the same rate and with the same technique. Many children will fall through the "cracks" of Common Core. Elementary education is designed to teach children skills needed to read, write, and do arithmetic, while instilling the love of learning. Common Core is forcing teachers to teach children at such a fast pace and with the end goal of passing a standardized test. This will not breed a generation of people who love to learn, I fear it will do the opposite. Common Core begins to weaken the parent/child relationships. With the new techniques of Common Core math, parents will not be able to help with homework due to a misunderstanding of how to help teach techniques that most adults have trouble understanding. I oppose the data mining of Common Core, with our children's information going to federal and private entities. As one of the sponsors and creators of Common Core, Bill Gates was noted to have said he was growing his future market. Our Pennsylvanian children are not his future market, without Common Core they could grow into his greatest competition. The cost associated with Common Core will put even additional stress on an education budget that is already stretched so thin. The new testing materials, new curriculum, the new tracking of teacher statistics, will cost Pennsylvania a tremendous amount of money. I am begging the state of Pennsylvania to review and remove Common Core! Give the power back to the state, back to the local level, back to the teachers! I do not want our children part of the testing of Common Core's success. I believe it is a heavily flawed system with consequences this generation will suffer for years if not removed! Sincerely, Jaime Olmstead 3 Miles Street Union City, PA 16438 814-450-3593

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