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From: ContactForm@state.pa.us
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2013 8:35 AM
To: Help
Subject: IRRC Website - New Message

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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: Michael

Last Name: Janus

Company:

Email: mjanus@verizon.net

Subject: PA Core Standards

Message:

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 wellbeing 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, Mike Janus

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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: Karen

Last Name: Markham

Company:

Email: frugalkaren@yahoo.com

Subject: Reference IRRC No. 2976

Message:

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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: Kelly

Last Name: Scarff

Company:

Email: sgfl@ptd.net

Subject: Oppose common core

Message:

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Dear Mr. Sumner,

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Please put a stop to the implementation of Pa Core Standards immediately. First, we do not know how much it will cost to implement this program. I know my local school district is already plagued with budget problems. Pa Core Standards are nothing more than another unfounded mandate. How can we implement something without knowing how much it will cost? This makes no sense!

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. I know with my own children that there is a large amount of anxiety with high stakes testing. There is a huge movement against high stakes testing here in Pa 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 Pa students and taxpayers. Please stop this unfunded and unfounded regulation.

Sincerely,



Lisa Hutchin
1436 Fourth Street
Monongahela, Pa 15063

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David Sumner

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From: tom bills <tbills1@windstream.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 8:22 PM
To: David Sumner
Subject: Reference IRRC No. 2976

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Dear Mr Sumner:

The implementation of the Common Core State Standards is a very deep concern for me, and there are so many issues that need to be addressed.

The lack of transparency with which the standards were adopted and implemented into our schools is just unbelievable. Another "slip under the table", from the federal government to the state. When speaking to our senators and representatives, they were not aware this was being done. That's because unelected members of the PA Department of Education voted to adopt Common Core, not our elected representatives.

No one can determine how much it will cost, and our school districts are already plagued with budget problems, especially smaller districts, and their tax base, without any evidence our kids will get a better education. Standards will be lowered. Some think this is okay—we will just bring the standards back up. This is absolutely ridiculous.

We have been "dumbing down" our kids for a long time, and this will just put the "icing on the cake". Many kids cannot even count change without a machine.

Common Core removes control from parents, school boards and teachers. I have spoken to some teachers, and they are very concerned.

Common Core is bad for Pennsylvanian students and the tax payer. Please stop this unfunded and unfounded regulation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Karen M Bills
100 Carousel Dr
Delmont PA 15626

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David Sumner

From: Pam <pbl4him@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 3:14 PM
To: David Sumner
Subject: Reference IRRC No. 2976

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Sincerely,

Pamela Crane

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From: Dawn Sweeney <dawnsweeney13@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 2:48 PM
To: David Sumner
Subject: Common Core

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Dear Mr. Sumner,

Please put a stop to the implementation of Common Core 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. Common Core is 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.

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Sincerely,

Dawn Sweeney

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From: Lori <lorirardon@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2013 2:55 PM
To: David Sumner
Subject: Reference IRRC No. 2976 - PA Common Core

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Sincerely,

Lori Rardon