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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

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Subject: Common Core affecting my children

Message:

I have children in 7th and 8th. Both of my children's favorite and most successful subject was Math. They have come to tell me that they dislike Math this year for the following reasons: kids that are not trying to learn are forced into groups with those that are trying. And each group member is blamed for the failures of those that are talking instead of learning. Next, teacher is telling students to applause when children get answers wrong. In Math, there is only correct and incorrect. But now, my daughter who exceled at Math, is now equally graded with students whose answers are "close enough". In my company, we are hiring Indians, Mexicans, and Chinese who are competing with Americans for these jobs. If we are dumbing down Math, how are our children going to compete globally ? USA has always had the best education system in the World. And the best engineers. That is how we became #1 in the world in every category. If we destroy basic Math, we are creating a computer dependence where our children cannot compete. This curriculum must be stopped and reviewed. Let Pennsylvania see if this is successful in other states. Why spend money when there are so many unanswered questions. How much is this going to cost? How will it be funded? Will this lead to tax increases in local districts? Why create this burden when we don't have to be the guinea pigs? Let us be smart consumers. Let the real world prove if this is the better method. Do not FORCE this down the throats of every child and not allow parents to have a say. Don't you want to have a say in your own child's education?

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