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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

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Message:

Dear Mr. Sumner: Please put a stop to the implementation of Pa Core Standards immediately. I am gravely concerned about the cost of this implementation, and given the financial crisis our schools are experiencing, adding to the financial strain is both irresponsible and dangerous. The cost of this mandate cannot be confirmed, and its efficacy is doubtful. I am also gravely concerned about the impact this will have on our children. The focus of instruction has shifted away from learning and growth in favor of test preparation, as teachers and schools are legitimately concerned about the impact of these high stakes test tests. Time spent in classroom instruction is serving to dampen the spirit and love of learning our children bring to school; no child should feel this way about their education. In addition, the stress of these high stakes test is having a negative impact on the health of our children; this could have further monetary costs associated with both physical and behavioral health care. As a parent, I cannot, in good conscience, allow my child's health and mental well-being to be compromised by the stress of unnecessary testing. Opting out is becoming a movement, and what cost will that have if we continue to move forward with implementing this unfunded mandate? In the name of both fiscal responsibility and the well-being of our children, please stop this regulation. Sincerely, Stephanie Heaney
Garnet Valley, PA

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