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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

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Message:

Please prevent the untested Common Core Curriculum from being implemented in Pennsylvania. In only one month, our middle school children have drastically changed their views on how they feel about math upon the recent curricular changes, and their classroom descriptions are quite alarming! Our daughter has always excelled in math and has voiced her anger that others in her group are lowering her grades because they are not turning in assignments or earning higher grades. She is not being motivated to excel when she is forced to carry the lazy and defiant children in her group, and I am outraged that her teacher has actually instructed the class to "CLAP" when a classmate answers incorrectly . . . This coddling will cripple the next generation, especially when they enter the work force in the real world! Another issue to consider is that parents can not assist children with complicated new problems when we are not familiar with these new methods ourselves, and as our son has an IEP and has needed more creative techniques to understand new concepts, this curriculum prevents parents from being involved in their child's education. When speaking with other parents, I learned that our neighbor's son asked his mother to stay home from school because he is also struggling in this class. He is another child with an IEP, and knowing that he was holding his group back, the kids in his group are giving him a hard time in the halls and bullying him. As an educator of 20 years, I work with numerous children who are voicing their discontentment to any adult willing to listen, as my children's friends have been alarmingly vocal about the difficulties they each are facing with these new methods. I implore that each member of IRRC speak with your own children and family members on what they are experiencing before imposing this failing experiment on the next generation . . . If adults actually care about the future of our children and listen to the next generations descriptions, Common Core will be deemed a failure and never be adopted into PA law.