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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

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Subject: Common Core Regulation 6-326

Message:

Mr. Sumner; Please stop the implementation of Common Core Standards (PA Core Standards). It is well know that Common Core is the infusion of federal government control of Pennsylvania schools. Definition of Common Core Standards, administration of curriculum and assessments WILL be controlled by a non-PA appointed Washington bureaucracy who has no accountability to Pennsylvania’s faculty, parents and students. Consideration must be given to the following issues raised by concerned parents and taxpayers: 1.) To date there has been no cost projections with substantiation for the implementation and sustainability of Common Core. How much will Common Core cost the taxpayers of Pennsylvania? What is the financial impact to the school districts? Allow me to remind the IRRC that the budget figures that PDE provided to the federal government in their initial requests for RTTT funding for the CCSS stated that, along with the federal dollars being requested, it would require an “ongoing phase-in of \$2.6 billion to districts in new state monies” to implement Common Core. There is no mention of the costs associated with Common Core sustainability. Also, there is no mention of cost justification then and even after the PDE was asked to substantiate the costs during the open Senate hearings in May 2013. 2.) What is the track record of Common Core? What other educational program, if any, can the IRRC draw from to assure the success of Common Core? Common Core is a totally new approach to education and there is nothing closely aligned with its model from which comparisons can be made to assure that Common Core will be successful. Common Core is untested and unproven. 3.) Has the IRRC considered that all local control and parent involvement will be surrendered to appointed Washington bureaucrats? 4.) A Common Core “one size fits all” approach to establish standards is ludicrous. Comparing the Common Core math and ELA standards to what was previously taught; it is obvious that the Common Core standards are much relaxed. 5.) Data mining is an overt intrusion into student’s and parent’s privacies. There is no need to have a data record tagged to an individual student throughout his school career which can be made available to all federal agencies and private companies. These are a few of the issues I hear from the parents and groups I represent. Respectfully, Richard Felice Coatesville, PA