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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

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Subject: State Moves to Implement National Standards

Message:

We understand that outside groups and the federal government have been given Pennsylvania \$41 million in January to implement new and burdensome national education standards in order to take over our education system. With the timing of everyone's attention being riveted on Tuesday's election, the Pennsylvania Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) is moving to plug Pennsylvania into the national Common Core standards by changing Chapter 4 education regulations without proper public or legislative hearings! We are against this arrogant and presumptuous move! And we understand that public comments close today! Furthermore, we understand that there has been no open and transparent public debate on the national standards or their impact! What little bit of local control that Pennsylvania still has on education will be totally lost to federal control! The IRRC is deliberately moving forward in this effort to implement these massive changes while the legislature is not in session and everyone's attention is on the election. Back in January, PA accepted \$41 million from the federal government with the provision that we implement national standards. There has only been one outside analysis done on the costs to PA taxpayers. The Pioneer Institute says it will cost us over \$650 million to implement this initiative. This is outrageous and we, as PA residents oppose these actions by the IRRC.