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Dear Sirs/Madams,

I am completely opposed to the initiative to implement national, and "international" standards for education in the state of Pennsylvania. It is a basic parental right to have some control over your child's education, and this would seem to take that control, not only out of the parents' hands, but also our state's authority. The idea of "international standards" smacks of the United Nations, and a power beyond our own borders dictating, in what our children should, and should not be schooled.

There have been no public conversations, or town hall meetings to discuss all of the far reaching implications of The IRRC's efforts to bring about such an enormous change in the curriculum of our schools. The timing-- during the most historic election in our history, seems less than transparent, and one would almost think it being done purposefully, sliding in "under the radar" of Pennsylvania citizenry. There have been no studies to show us the better outcome of such standardized education, or the cost in time, and dollars to accomplish the compliance.

Our government was founded "by and of the people", and the people need to be well informed before the education of its future generation is turned over to the Federal Government, and the "International Standards" community.

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world" Nelson Mandela

The problem is, that we don't know "who" is creating these "standards", what "their" outcome goals are, or how these standards might be in conflict with our freedom, and religious liberties, and our values as parents, community, state, and our country! There are many in the international community who are very critical of our Constitution, and seek to undermine it. If we don't have control over the education of our own citizens, our autonomy as a nation is on a slippery slope.

"The highest activity a human being can attain is learning for understanding, because to understand is to be free."

Baruch Spinoza

Respectfully participating in "the public discussion",
Lynne Christman