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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

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Message:

Dear Respected Review Committee Members, I am not in favor of changing Chapter 4 of Pennsylvania's education regulations as proposed in IRRC-2976 without proper public or legislative hearings and a legislative vote. The Forty-One million dollars PA accepted from the federal government was nothing more than a bribe to convince us to implement national standards. Bribes do not come without strings. We will have to pay hundreds of millions more to the very proponents of these standards to implement "their" initiative. The Common Core idea arose not from the states, but from private organizations pursuing their own agendas. This implies the states are not competent to establish their own educational standards. That is insulting to all Pennsylvania educators, parents and students. Furthermore, curricula selection will no longer be within the control of local school boards. Publishers will be strong armed to ensure that textbooks, digital media, curricula, and assessments are aligned to internationally benchmarked standards. Learning materials that do not fall in line with the "accepted core" will not be available for classroom use. Teacher hiring will be based on the teachers' abilities to teach to the new national core standards, and not necessarily on their abilities as educators, mentors or "surrogate parents". Students will be taught to "take the tests" even more than they are now in lieu of being taught to develop individual academic excellence based on the students' areas of interest. The implementation of these national standards would be a severe disservice to the students and teachers of Pennsylvania. It would dilute the unique academic excellence our educators have worked so hard to create and would strip educational freedom from the "Freedom State". But then, that's the problem with homogenization; It removes the cream. Sincerely, Curt Savage, New Castle, PA