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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

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Subject: IRRC Number 2976 - Academic Standards and Assessments

Message:

What are the internationally benchmarked standards which will impact our education system, textbooks, digital media, curricula, and assessments? Do these standards represent what Pennsylvania needs? PA schools and systems will be held accountable through monitoring, interventions, and support -- more unfunded mandates from bureaucrats in not only Harrisburg, but Washington, DC and now foreign entities? PA took the \$41 million from the federal government in January and now we are tangled in all the strings attached to that money. It will be our children who are caught in this deception as private foundations (i.e. Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and Eli Broad Foundation) use their money and power, with the help of the federal government, to manipulate the education system and try to remold it to their liking. Foreign entities, private foundations nor the federal government have the right to dictate to Pennsylvania or any other state how to run their education system. We need to do what is best for the children of Pennsylvania by joining Idaho, South Carolina and Indiana and saying, "Thanks, but no thanks," to those seeking to dictate to us how to educate our children.