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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

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**Subject:** National Common Core Standards

**Message:**

I am against this arrogant and presumptuous move! It is outrageous and I, a Pennsylvania property owner and taxpayer – and also a local public School Director - oppose these actions by the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC). There has only been one outside analysis done on the costs to Pennsylvania taxpayers. The Pioneer Institute advises that it will cost us over \$650 million to implement this initiative. Back in January, Pennsylvania accepted \$41 million from the federal government with the provision that we implement national standards. I understand that Pennsylvania received this \$41 million in Federal Funding to implement these new and burdensome national education standards. I see it as a move on the part of outside interests to take over our education system. The Pennsylvania IRRC is moving much too fast toward engaging Pennsylvania into the national Common Core standards; while endeavoring to change Chapter 4 of the education regulations without proper public or legislative hearings – at a time when our politicians are focused on the General Elections. There has been no open and transparent public debate on the national standards or their impact. The IRRC is deliberately moving forward rapidly in this effort to implement these massive changes while the legislature is not in session and everyone's attention is on the election. I understand that public comments close today. I cannot agree with forfeiting the local control that Pennsylvania still has on its public education to an uncontrollable federal bureaucracy!