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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

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Message:

The US Constitution gives the states the power to regulate education. We should not be bowing to the federal government and giving them control over public education in PA. It is going to cost millions of dollars to implement (\$650 million according to the Pioneer Institute), and how is PA going to be pay that amount of money? According to the PA Dept of Education, these are online assessments that will take 5-7 hours to complete and must be done at school in the presence of a teacher certified in the subject area. How are schools going to handle the staff to accommodate this requirement? How will students who must complete 5-7 hours of project work be expected to make up the work they miss from their regular classes? Furthermore, teachers will become dispassionate about teaching since they will have teach to the test instead of teaching what students need to know and teaching to their students' abilities. The changes to education in the past 20 years have not made our students any smarter. More regulation and control by the federal government is not the answer.