***Stop Common Core***

***State Standards and federally funded Smarter Testing***

**FACT: WE LOSE FREEDOM with COMMON CORE!**

1. **No Cost Analysis was done before Michigan adopted Common Core (CC).**

**Texas estimated a $3 Billion cost and is one of 5 states that declined CC.**

1. **There was no public or legislative input. State Board adopted mere days after written. Our legislature did not vote on CC.**
2. **MICHIGAN legislature and school board lost control of testing and standards. The State Board ceded control of testing to a federally funded testing consortium.**
3. **17 states are pushing back against CC because of cost and loss of state control.**
4. **Our student’s academic and psychometric data will be collected and made accessible to many due to CC data requirements, circumventing privacy laws and the contract the State Board of Ed signed with SBAC.**
5. **CC does not give Michigan anything we don’t already have. We can get higher standards without federal mandates. CC was not field tested.**
6. ***It is Unconstitutional and dangerous for the Federal Government to Control Education***

**ACTION ITEMS – CALL OR EMAIL YOUR LEGISLATORS TODAY**

**Contact your State Senator, Representative, and the Governor.**

**Thank them for pausing CC and SMARTER tests and ask them to make sure it stays stopped by voting for a PERMANENT END.**

**Our summer hearings on CC involve the following House members.**

**The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 16 in Lansing. Time TBD**

**Before July 16, - Get informed- sign up at our website ,meet with local Representative AND Senator- Pass the word along. It is important to contact all legislators, but the committee members are also key:**

**Tim KELLY (R-Saginaw Twp.) CHAIR, Amanda PRICE (R-Park Township), Tom MCMILLIN (R-Rochester Hills), Dave PAGEL (R-Oronoko Twp.),Margaret O'BRIEN (R-Portage), Bill ROGERS (R-Brighton), Ken YONKER (R-Caledonia),Rob VERHEULEN (R-Walker),The Democratic subcommittee members Sam SINGH (D-East Lansing),Andy SCHOR (D-Lansing), David KNEZEK (D-Dearborn Hghts), Ellen Cogen LIPTON (D-Huntington Woods) ,Adam ZEMKE (D-Ann Arbor).**

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**Sponsored by Rep. Tom McMillin would end that states participation in Common Core.**

***Who else opposes Common Core?***

**Detroit News, Heritage Foundation, Cato Institute, AFP**

**Republican National Committee, Michigan Republican State Committee, Republican Districts and Tea Parties**

GET THE FACTS ON COMMON CORE, HERE ARE SOME EXCELLENT RESOURCES:

[www.truthinamericaneducation.com](http://www.truthinamericaneducation.com) , [www.fightcommoncore.com](http://www.fightcommoncore.com)

 <http://www.cato-at-liberty.org/the-other-federal-takeover/> <http://www.pioneerinstitute.org/pdf/120208_RoadNationalCurriculum.pdf> <http://blog.heritage.org/2012/04/23/why-states-should-hop-off-the-national-standards-bandwagon/>

Search Michelle Malkin articles at Townhall.com

**What is Common Core?** The initiative is composed of copyrighted Content and Process Standards, Federally funding Tests, and Data Bank requirements, including psychometric testing and data on our kids! The resulting expensive curriculum, teacher training, text books and online abilities must all fall in line with Common Core objectives. The testing consortium Michigan belongs to is SMARTER.

**This was not a state-led effort**. Just because states “agreed” to adopt these standards does not mean they were state-led. The federal contractor-National Governors’ Association, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation & the Chief Council of State School Officers sign-off on CCSS gives the appearance that they were state-led, but national standards have been pushed by special interests, for decades, since the Clinton era. It is only because the Obama administration has bypassed federal education law that CCSS implementation has taken off. The federal carrot on the stick was Race to the Top funds, NCLB waivers and Obama threatening to take away Title 1 funding. President Obama even took credit for the spread of CC in his 2013 State of the Union speech.

**Sub-standard Standards of the Common Core**

**English Language Arts (ELA) Standards**-Dr. Sandra Stotsky of the University of Arkansas served on the Common Core Validation Committee but refused to sign off on the ELA standards because of poor quality, empty skill sets , the de-emphasis on literature and low reading levels, such as 8th grade levels for 12th grade students.

**Math Standards-**Dr. James Milgram of Stanford, the only mathematician on the Validation Committee refused to sign off stating “It’s almost a joke to think students in Common Core will be ready for math at a university”

**Next on the National Standards Agenda – Next Generation Science Standards (SBOE vote set for this summer) and Social Studies. Both already written.**

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