## Stop Common Core, Testing, Data Mining

Yes MI Legislature Voted for Common Core funding

Our Goal: CREATE MICHIGAN TESTS & STANDARDS

CALL YOUR STATE SENATOR AND REP TO OPPOSE

SMARTER, ACT AND ALL COMMON CORE TESTING

- Support <u>Michigan Tests & Standards</u> developed by Michigan discipline based experts.
- Questions should be available for public review and free of attitudes, values and beliefs.
- Results of tests and all personal data should be kept at the local district, not at outside vendors. NO DATA COLLECTION
- The GOAL of education should be well rounded American citizens, not global workers.

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# JOIN THE "6% CLUB AND OPT OUT OF TESTING AND DATA MINING See our website for more information WE LOSE FREEDOM with COMMON CORE!

- 1. 15 states, including our competitor Indiana, have pulled out of Common Core testing
- 2. In June 2014 MI legislators voted to only delay SMARTER testing until 2015. MEAP will be Common Core aligned, since in fall 2013 MI legislators voted to fund Common Core.
- 3. Why SBAC is bad! MICHIGAN legislature and school board lost control of testing and standards, when the State Board contracted testing to SMARTER, a <u>federally</u> funded testing consortium with a federally appointed question validation committee. We will have only a 1 of 24 votes on cutoff scores, questions and more. Links here:
  - http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/curriculum/2013/04/common\_assessment\_groups\_to\_under go\_new\_federal\_review\_process.html?qs=parcc
  - http://www2.ed.gov/programs/racetothetop-assessment/performance.html
- 4. Our <u>student's academic and psychometric data</u> will be collected and made accessible to many due to CC testing and data requirements, <a href="http://www.breitbart.com/Big-">http://www.breitbart.com/Big-</a>
  - <u>Government/2014/05/22/Study-New-Technology-Development-Pushed-By-Feds-Allows-For-Data-Collection-on-Every-Child</u>

## NEW! See our list of Primary Election candidates who Support or Oppose Common Core

# It is Unconstitutional and Dangerous for the Federal Government to Control Education

**Who else opposes Common Core Tests?** 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, 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 Professor Terrence Moore and Michelle Malkin articles at Townhall.com

<u>What is Common Core</u>? The initiative is composed of copyrighted Content and Process Standards, <u>Federally funded</u> Tests, and Data Bank requirements. 5 people wrote CC, all connected to ACHIEVE, former Clinton Dept of Ed officials. The resulting expensive curriculum, teacher training, text books and online abilities must all fall in line with Common Core objectives. K-3 standards are so inappropriate that 500 early child experts wrote to oppose them.

This was not a state-led effort. Just because states "agreed" to adopt these standards does not mean they were state-led. The <u>federal contractor-National Governors'</u> 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**

<u>English Language Arts (ELA) Standards</u>-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 deemphasis on literature and low reading levels, such as 8<sup>th</sup> grade levels for 12<sup>th</sup> grade students.

<u>Math Standards-</u>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" See <u>www.frc.org</u> for specific deficiencies in Common Core

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