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the federal takeover of education and loss of local control!

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Visit our website to educate yourself on the reality of the Common Core State Standards and learn how you can take part in the state and nation-wide movement to take back our schools.

www.commoncoremaine.com

National Opponents of CCSS:

- ◆ American Federation of Teachers
- ◆ Washington Policy Center
- ◆ Pioneer Institute
- ◆ Freedom Works
- ◆ American Values
- ◆ Heartland Institute
- ◆ Public Policy Institute
- ◆ American Principles Project
- ◆ Concerned Women for America



States Which Have Rejected/Suspended

Acceptance of CCSS:

Alaska, Indiana, Nebraska

New Mexico, Texas

WE MUST GET THIS UNFUNDED MANDATE OUT OF OUR STATE, BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE-TIME IS RUNNING OUT!!

~To infringe upon our rights- even in a small way-is a loss of freedom. ~

GET

COMMON CORE OUT OF MAINE

The Common Core State Standards (CCSS) are being sold as a state led initiative that will bring quality education standards to our schools. *Nothing could be further from the truth.*

The Main Concerns About CCSS:

- ◆ Questionable academic quality
- ◆ Non-transparent creation
- ◆ Rushed and pressured adoption
- ◆ Collection/sharing of student academic and personal data without parental consent
- ◆ Further erosion of state and local level control to the Federal Government

CCSS are an illegal overreach by the US and Maine Departments of Education into **our** schools. These standards are **untested, unproven** and **unsupported**; academically and fiscally.

OUR Children are NOT Common!



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Federal Takeover of Education

“It would be foolish and irresponsible to place our children’s future in the hands of unelected bureaucrats and special interest groups thousands of miles away in Washington virtually eliminating parents’ participation in their children’s education.” Gov. Rick Perry (Texas)

CCSS are NOT state led standards as we have been led to believe. Common Core was written behind **closed doors**, largely by education consultants employed by **private organizations**.

Data Collection:

Nationally plans are in place for **CCSS to be part of a broader federal effort to collect enormous amounts of personal student and family information** through state P-20 Longitudinal Data Systems. This data, like that collected through the new healthcare mandate, will be shared among federal departments like HHS, Labor and Corrections as well as private entities who claim a “need to know” for education purposes.

We Support our Teachers:

Accountability without control-50% of teacher evaluations must be based on student scores on tests the teachers neither created, viewed, nor graded-is this right? **You can’t put students first if you put teachers last.**

A BAD Choice for Maine

- ◆ Special interest groups were the only ones to develop Common Core
- ◆ **Parents** and elected officials were largely shut out
- ◆ Common Core replaces Maine’s standards while introducing a host of concerns about curriculum and privacy.
- ◆ Maine was politically coerced into accepting Common Core State Standards



Cost:

DOE’s official statement in February of 2011 stated that the CCSS would cost the State of Maine ZERO DOLLARS.

FACT IS: Conservative estimates for CCSS implementation in Maine is \$85 million. How much will your taxes increase?

The Smarter Balance Assessment Consortia (SBAC) has no future funding to support their assessments after September 2014. Schools and/or states will end up paying 100% of the costs.

Deliberately “Dumbing Down” Maine’s Students

Curriculum experts and consultants continue to chant that the proposed CCSS are “rigorous” and internationally benchmarked. They are neither.

Internationally Benchmarked?

“The proposed Common Core standard is similar in earlier grades but has **significantly lowered expectations with respect to algebra and geometry** and the published standards of other countries.”-Jonathan Goodman, Professor of Mathematics at the Courant Institute of New York University.

“Common Core math proficiencies are one to two years behind national performing states and other international competitors.” -Ze’ev Wurman

Rigor & College/Career Readiness

Math experts have declared that **CCSS math standards will not produce students who are ready for college level math.**

“ELA and reading are simply empty skill sets...’College Readiness’ may be at about the grade 7 level.” -Dr Sandra Stotsky

Common Core imposes an experimental geometry that has **never been successfully implemented** anywhere in the world, tying the hands of educators who will have no other alternative.

People who characterize Common Core as anything other than a national takeover of schooling are either **unaware of these sweeping implications or are deliberately hiding this information from the public.**