

**IF YOU DON'T LIKE *OBAMACARE*, YOU WON'T LIKE**

# ***Common Core***

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

Why did the State School Board adopt Common Core Standards knowing these facts?

1. **No Cost Analysis** was done before Michigan adopted Common Core (CC).  
Texas estimated a \$3 Billion cost and is one of 3 states that declined CC.
2. There was little public or legislative input. State Board adopted before the standards were written. Our legislature did not vote on CC.
3. MICHIGAN legislature and school board **lost control of testing and standards** under CC and the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC). We have ceded control of testing to a federally funded testing consortium.
4. We lost the ability to amend standards Michigan disagrees with under CC.
5. Several states are trying to get out of CC because of the cost and the loss of state sovereignty. (UT, IN, GA, SC, MN, VA.....)
6. Our **student's academic and psychometric data** will be collected and made publicly accessible to many due to CC data requirements, Obama administration circumventing privacy laws and the contract the State Board of Ed signed with SBAC.
7. CC does not give Michigan anything we don't already have.
8. It is Unconstitutional and dangerous for the

## **Federal Government to Control Education**

We can get higher standards without federal mandates.

**Call the Governor and the State School Board Members!**

**Tell them to get us out of Common Core NOW!**

**Governor Snyder's Office - (517) 373-3400**

**State School Board – (517) 373-9434**

## *Who else opposes Common Core?*

Heritage Foundation, Cato Institute,  
Pioneer Institute, Goldwater Institute.

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GET THE FACTS ON COMMON CORE, HERE ARE SOME EXCELLENT RESOURCES:[www.truthinamericaneducation.com](http://www.truthinamericaneducation.com)  
<http://www.cato-at-liberty.org/the-other-federal-takeover/>  
[http://www.pioneerinstitute.org/pdf/120208\\_RoadNationalCurriculum.pdf](http://www.pioneerinstitute.org/pdf/120208_RoadNationalCurriculum.pdf)  
<http://blog.heritage.org/2012/04/23/why-states-should-hop-off-the-national-standards-bandwagon/>

**What is Common Core?** The initiative is composed of Content Standards, Federally funding Tests, and Data Bank requirements, including psychometric testing and data on our kids! The resulting curriculum, text books and online classes must all fall in line with Common Core objectives. The consortium Michigan belongs to is SMARTER and is governed by over 20 states.

**This was not a state-led effort.** Just because states “agreed” to adopt these standards does not mean they were state-led. The 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 carrot on the stick was Race to the Top funds.

### **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 LEA standards because of poor quality, empty skill sets , the de-emphasis on literature and low reading levels, such as 8<sup>th</sup> grade levels for 12<sup>th</sup> 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 Common Core Agenda - Science and Social Studies are already written.**