

Testimony before the
House Education Committee
on

HB 2292 – AN act CONCERNING SCHOOLS; ENACTING THE LOCAL CONTROL OF Kansas education act; relating to the student data privacy act; amending K.S.A.2014 Supp 72-6216, 72-6217 and 72-6439 and repealing the existing sections.

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Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony regarding HB 2292. This bill repeals the Kansas College and Career Ready Standards (CCRS) and reinstates the standards in place prior to its adoption in 2012. This action would require the development of new curricula and appropriate teacher training around the new curricula at a time when there is no money to do so. The bill would abolish the use of formative or summative assessments aligned to the Common Core, which were developed by our District or as a part of a consortia. Our district has been working on an implementation process and the State Board and State Department are set to review standards again in 2017. Advanced placement, international baccalaureate and dual credit programs would be eliminated, because they are aligned with the old standards. If this bill passes the money could not be spent on current programs previously funded by the Legislature.

The Kansas College CCRS' are a set of shared goals and expectations for the knowledge and skills our students need to succeed. THEY ARE NOT A CURRICULUM. Districts and teachers still control the development of the curriculum, selection of the instructional resources and strategies used in the classroom. Lessons plans are still developed by teachers tailored to the individual needs of students in their classrooms.

Geary County USD 475 serves the children of military and civilian support personnel at Fort Riley. Sixty-two percent of the students in our district are military affiliated. The alignment of Kansas College and Career Ready Standards to the Common Core provide a level of continuity for our military students. Our students of those serving our country deserve to have some level of alignment as they move from one post to another.

As a former educator and now USD 475 School Board Member, I am extremely concerned about this bill and the impact it may have on our staff and students. Passage of **HOUSE BILL 2292** is inappropriate for Kansas and inappropriate for teachers and students.