Every single thing I've read about Common Core (under whatever name is being applied to it currently) has been mortifying. All the research papers, articles and newsletters...... point toward the damage this change in our educational system will cause.

The education of our children should be controlled and take place at the very closest level to our families and communities as possible. Parents should have as much input and control as possible for the best outcomes in a child's life.

I am very concerned over what I see and hear of these "standards". We must have a group of citizens who can think for themselves, who know our TRUE history as a country and who can do simple math and communicate with good English skills, prepared to lead our country. Excellence must be encouraged to excel........... not be held back to the lowest common denominator in a classroom.

I encourage you to do <u>everything</u> you can to stop and reverse the implementation of this very damaging program in our state and beyond. I encourage you to speak out against it all across our country and put the federal government back in its place -- providing for the defense of our citizenry -- not meddling, interfering and controlling every detail of our lives.

Sincerely, Roberta Bretz Goodland