

To The Honorable Ron Highland, Chair of the Education Committee;

I would like to note my opposition to the Federal Common Core program for education, and my support for HB2292 reclaiming control of this vital education issue for our state. A one size fits all approach towards education is not the solution that Kansas students need. It's terrible what has already happened with the education budget this year, but that pales in comparison to how we could manage an additional \$800 million in annual costs to support Common Core alone.

Teachers are the unsung heroes - legislation that further ties their hands, or makes them solely a facilitator is an insult, and not the right choice for Kansas. It's hard enough being a teacher in this day and age, and federal bureaucracy has no place here. The power to control education belongs at the local level, controlled by the local community that best understands our needs. Anything we do to hamper the ability and initiative of the educational system is simply unacceptable, and it makes me ill to think anyone could think otherwise.

I received a quality education in the state of Kansas, which has provided me with lots of opportunity in this life, and I'm quite thankful for that. I hope that in the future I can say the same for my children currently in kindergarten and second grade, as well as my youngest at 2 years old.

Sincerely,

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