

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

Common core is a top-down, one size fits all approach to educating children which removes all local control. This kind of approach does not allow for an atmosphere conducive to learning and does not make room for diversity in culture, special needs children, advanced children or unique Kansas needs. Sensitive data on Kansas students and their families is being gathered which will follow students through their school years and beyond.

We need a Kansas solution for Kansas education that allows us to make decisions based on a unique Kansas culture, based on unique Kansas needs and what is best for Kansas.

HB2292 will take back control of our schools and return responsibility to the local school boards and parents. HB2292 will protect children by putting parents in control of their sensitive data. It will require parents be notified and given prior written consent when children's data is collected, how it is collected, how this data is to be used, and who will get this data.

HB2292 will protect teachers by the practice of teacher evaluations and pay being based on skewed state assessments.

Thank you.

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