

To: The Honorable Ron Highland, Chair of the Education Committee
From: Mary Martin, 8964 Hall Drive, Lenexa KS 66219, 913-438-9713

I am writing you to express my concern and dissatisfaction with the current "Race to the Top" and "Kansas College and Career Ready" standards. These one size fits all standards are preventing teachers to teach to the individual needs of each child. Both of my children have been very good math students and they are both now struggling with trying to understand the new math process. They are very confused and spend hours on homework that used to take 30 minutes. The teachers are now strapped with teaching to tests. They have to be very concerned with pay and evaluations tied to these states assessments.

Please return to local control with the HB2292 bill. Return the responsibility to local school boards, parents and teachers, who know the kids best.

I am also very concerned about all the personal data being collected about my family and my children during testing. This information is not necessary to have in order to teach my children math, English, Science, etc. That is an invasion of our privacy and once it is in a data base, we have no guarantees that this information is kept private or how it is being used.

The HB2292 would help Kansas re-establish local control of education in Kansas and prevent Kansas from ceding any control to entities not allowed authority over Kansas educations as per Article 6 of the Kansas Constitution

Don't allow Kansas to continue to be bribed by federal grant money to maintain the burden of Common Core standards.

We are counting on you to protect the families of Kansas by supporting HB2292.

Thank you for your time,
Mary Martin
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