

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 any and 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.

Kansas was bribed into accepting Common Core, under the lure of federal grant money never received by our state.

The estimated cost to maintain the burden of Common Core is upwards of \$800 million per year.

With the recent budget shortfall, it is obvious Kansas cannot afford this odious program. Sensitive data on Kansas students and their families is being gathered which will follow students throughout their school years and beyond. At the very least, there should be prior written consent from parents before such data is collected.

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 based on what is best for Kansas.

HB 2292 is a very good bill, that will re-establish local control of education in Kansas and prevent Kansas from ceding any control to entities not allowed authority over Kansas education as per Article 6 of the Kansas Constitution. Also, sensitive data will not be collected and stored on children without parental consent.

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