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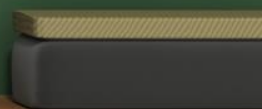
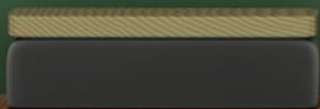
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Gruber Tells The “Truth”



Jonathan Gruber
“Obamacare Architect”
November 2014



Ideological Origins of Public Schooling



After a child has arrived at the legal age for attending school, whether child of noble or peasant, the only two absolute grounds of exemption from attendance are sickness and death ... We who are engaged in the sacred cause of education are entitled to look upon all parents as having given hostages to our cause.

Horace Mann

"Father" of Public Schooling
1796-1859

The children who know how to think for themselves spoil the harmony of the collective society which is coming, where everyone would be interdependent.

John Dewey

1859-1952

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In our dreams...people yield themselves with perfect docility to our molding hands. The present educational conventions [intellectual and character education] fade from their minds, and unhampered by tradition we work our own good will upon a grateful and responsive folk. We shall not try to make these people or any of their children into philosophers or men of learning or men of science... The task we set before ourselves is very simple...we will organize children...and teach them to do in a perfect way the things their fathers and mothers are doing in an imperfect way.

John D. Rockefeller
Founder of Gen. Ed. Board
1839-1937

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Far too many people in America, both in and out of education, look upon the elementary school as a place to learn reading, writing and arithmetic ... (1947)

Education for international understanding involves the use of education as a force for conditioning the will of the people ... (1948)

Schools will become clinics whose purpose is to provide individualized, psycho-social treatment for the student, and teachers must become psycho-social therapists ... (1969)

National Education Assoc.

What is Common Core



Common Core is an abbreviated term used to refer to the **Common Core State Standards Initiative**, a set of national standards for English and mathematics (with science guidelines forthcoming) written and copyrighted by the National Governor's Association (NGA) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO).

Backed and funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, these standards were adopted sight unseen by 46 states in exchange for Race To The Top money or a waiver from No Child Left Behind.

Washington State Democrats Eviscerate CCSS



The Central Committee of the Washington State Democratic Party has passed a resolution that roundly condemns the Common Core standards. This is the first time a statewide Democratic Party committee has taken a public position against the Common Core, and it happened in the back yard of the Gates Foundation, which has provided the funding that made the national standards project possible. This could signal a sea-change for the beleaguered standards, because up until now, political opposition has been strongest in the Republican party.

Anthony Cody
LIVING in DIALOGUE
January 24, 2015

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Washington State Democrat Resolution Opposing Common Core State Standards

WHEREAS the copyrighted (and therefore unchangeable) Common Core State Standards (CCSS) are a set of controversial top-down K-12 academic standards that were promulgated by wealthy private interests without research-based evidence of validity and are developmentally inappropriate in the lowest grades; and

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WHEREAS this adoption effectively transfers control over public school standardized testing from locally elected school boards to the unaccountable corporate interests that control the CCSS and who stand to profit substantially; and

WHEREAS the Washington State Constitution also calls for public education to be controlled by the State of Washington through our elected State legislature, our elected State Superintendent of Public Instruction and our elected local school boards; and

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WHEREAS, as a means of avoiding the U.S. Constitution's 10th Amendment prohibition against federal meddling in state education policy, two unaccountable private trade associations—the National Governors Association (NGA) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO)—have received millions of dollars in funding from the Gates Foundation and others to create the CCSS; and

WHEREAS the U.S. Department of Education improperly pressured state legislatures into adopting the Common Core State Standards and high-stakes standardized testing based on them as a condition of competing for federal Race to the Top (RTTT) stimulus funds that should have been based on need; and

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WHEREAS implementation of CCSS will cost local school districts hundreds of millions of dollars to pay for standardized computer-based tests, new technology, new curricula and teacher training at a time when Washington is already insufficiently funding K-12 Basic Education without proven benefit to students; and WHEREAS some states have already withdrawn from CCSS;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we call upon the Washington State legislature and the Superintendent of Public Instruction to withdraw from the CCSS and keep K-12 education student-centered and accountable to the people of Washington State. Resolution 707.

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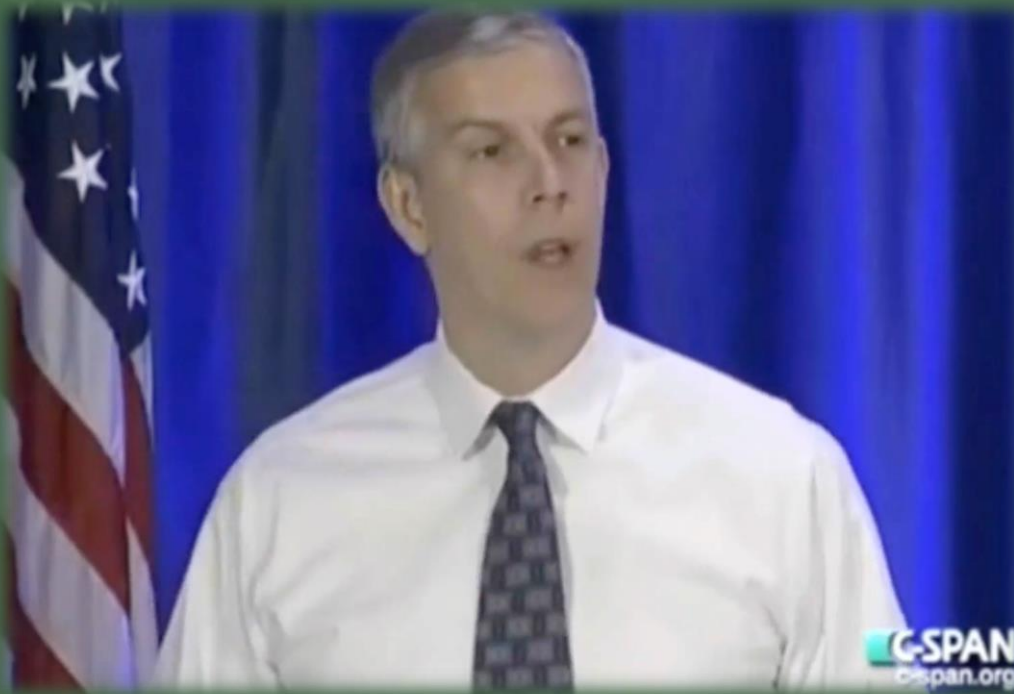
“Grubering Education”



Arne Duncan
The Charlie Rose Show
March 2009

Arne Duncan
on thinking differently about
education

Public Boarding Schools



Arne Duncan
Youth Summit
May 2015



Federal Pressure



As Opt-Out Numbers Grow, Arne Duncan Says Feds May Have to Step In

U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan said Tuesday that the federal government is obligated to intervene if states fail to address the rising number of students who are boycotting mandated annual exams. Duncan's comments come as an "opt out" advocacy group in New York reports that more than 184,000 students statewide out of about 1.1 million eligible test takers refused to take last week's English exams (more than 15 percent of NY students).

He also said the tests are "just not a traumatic event" for his children, who attend public school in Virginia. "It's just part of most kids' education growing up," he said. "Sometimes the adults make a big deal and that creates some trauma for the kids."

Patrick Wall

<http://ny.chalkbeat.org>

April 21, 2015

Unproven, Untested Standards



“It would be great if our education stuff worked, but that we won’t know for probably a decade.”

Bill Gates

Primary Funder of CCSS



Standards, Assessments & Curriculum Align



Bill Gates

*Nat. Conf. of State Legis. 2009
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*



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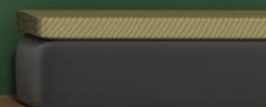
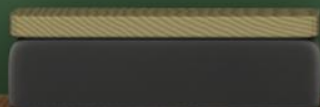
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Teachers Co-Opted



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Not College Ready



Jason Zimba
Lead Writer of CCSS Math



Feds Threaten States



Feds Threaten to Take Away \$1 BILLION in School Funding from Illinois

CHICAGO – Chicago Public Schools' decision to administer new Common Core student tests to only about 10 percent of the city's 600 schools could cost the state over \$1 billion in federal aid.

In a recent letter to Illinois Schools Superintendent Christopher Koch from assistant U.S. education secretary Deborah Delisle made it clear the state could lose as much as \$1.17 billion in federal education funding next year if Chicago schools don't comply with Common Core testing requirements.

Victory Skinner
EAG News
January 31, 2015

States Will Pay

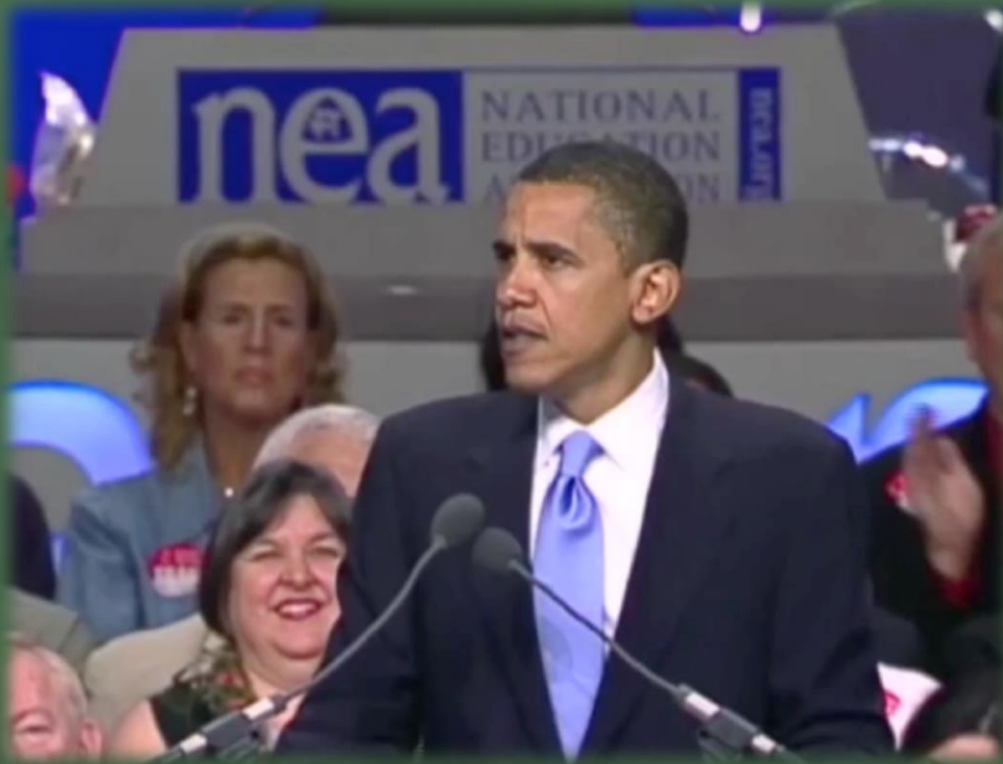


Districts Seek Reimbursement for Common Core Test Costs

The state [of CA] could be liable for as much as \$1 B per year in costs if a group of school districts succeeds in winning reimbursement for expenses associated with the implementation of computer-based tests in the CC and other new state standards. Four unified districts – Santa Ana, Vallejo, Plumas and Porterville – and the Plumas County Office of Education filed a claim to classify the new tests as state mandates. If the Commission on State Mandates agrees, the state will be required to reimburse all districts statewide seeking to recover costs.

John Fensterwald
EdSource
December 29, 2015

Against Tests Before Imposing Them



President Obama
Addressing NEA
2007

2007



Unqualified Test Evaluators



"Last Week Tonight"
HBO
May 2015

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May be required to pass qualifying test before scoring

Must have adequate clerical skills

Teaching experience is preferred

Must be able to put aside personal biases and apply scoring guide according to customer requirements

Contributes to upkeep and cleanliness of facility

Must be committed to working the duration of the project

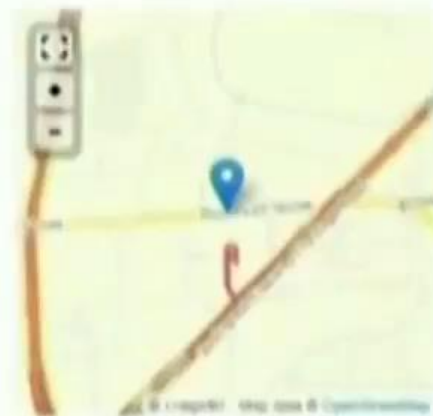
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ESSA Mandates



The U.S. Department of Education has spoken on student opt-outs for statewide assessments. Ann Whalen, the acting assistant secretary for elementary and secondary education, wrote a letter to state school chiefs reminding them of “key assessment requirements” for the statewide assessments:

The ESEA requires each State educational agency that receives funds under Title I, Part to implement ... the same academic assessments used to measure the achievement of all children and provide for the participation in such assessments of all students. These requirements do not allow students to be excluded from statewide assessments. Rather, they set out the legal rule that all students in the tested grades must be assessed.

Shane Vander Hart
Truth in American Education
December 23, 2015

ESSA Betrayal



Despite warnings from Anti-Common Core activists, Republican lawmakers rammed through the new federal education bill (the Every Student Succeeds Act, or ESSA) setting in concrete the destructive education policies of the Obama Administration, including Common Core. We now have proof that Republican leadership, including Senator Lamar Alexander, Representative John Kline, and House Speaker Paul Ryan betrayed their constituents, giving the federal government unprecedented control over education. Ryan allowed Congress just two days to study ESSA legislation—more than a thousand pages written over a ten-year period.

Emmett McGroarty

The Pulse 2016

December 21, 2015

ESSA Gives Arne Duncan Everything He Wanted



In a just-released interview with *Politico Pro*, Arne Duncan expressed stunned surprise about how wonderful ESSA turned out for progressive educrats:

“I’m stunned at how much better it ended up than either [House or Senate] bill going into conference. I had a Democratic congressman say to me that it’s a miracle — he’s literally never seen anything like it ... [I]f you look at the substance of what is there ... embedded in the law are the values that we’ve promoted and proposed forever. The core of our agenda from Day One, that’s all in there.... For the first time in our nation’s history, that’s the letter of the law.”

Emmett McGroarty

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Parents Betrayed



Arne Duncan on the complicity of Republicans Alexander and Kline:
We had many, many conversations behind the scenes And I said for us to support it, they'd have to shed their far, far right [*i.e.*, constituents who support the Constitution and oppose Common Core] I honestly didn't know if they'd have the political courage to do that. But they both said they would and they did. I give them tremendous credit for that.

Duncan's back-room chat with Ryan:

About a month before [final Senate passage of the bill], I ran into Speaker Ryan and we just talked briefly. I asked if he was going to back this, whether he's willing to take on the far right. I just asked him straight up. And he said, "Absolutely. We're going to back this." And, he did. That's when I thought it had a real shot.

Emmett McGroarty

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Repeal & Replace CCSS



What one state is trying to pass now:

Details include:

- ◆ Repeals Common Core (CC) in its entirety.
- ◆ Defines the immediate replacement of standards as the proven and superior Massachusetts (MA) pre-CC standards.
- ◆ All references to MA will become MI, including state of MI history.
- ◆ Confirms parental right to Opt-Out without consequences.
- ◆ Clarifies that the new standards can be revised and adopted after five years in MI.
- ◆ Terminates federal control of the MI education process.
- ◆ Prohibits MI standards from being developed in a national or multi-state consortium.
- ◆ Confirms responsibilities of the local districts; allows defining their own standards.
- ◆ Clarifies that locals not using state standards will not suffer financial repercussions.

Repeal & Replace CCSS



Defines a new assessment based on the pre-CC Massachusetts standards.

- ◆ Restricts development of a new assessment to five years.
- ◆ Will not require, but can use, computer technology.
- ◆ Will not permit the collection of data about student's values, attitudes, beliefs and personality traits.
- ◆ Requires public availability of test questions used for test transparency.
- ◆ Must be approved by the state legislature with a transparent process.

Stop Common Core in Michigan

*stopcommoncoreinmichigan.com/2016/02/michigan-set-to-repeal-replace-common-core/
February 15, 2016*

“Non-Family Enterprise”



Hillary Clinton
Iowa Town Hall Meeting
April 14, 2015





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