

#1 - Governor Schwarzenegger signed on sight unseen.

Good evening, president _____ and board members:

My name is _____. I come before you tonight to give you my concerns and reasons about Common Core State Standards Initiative. It is the new federal education program that **Governor Schwarzenegger signed, in 2010, - sight unseen**, and what we are now supposed to be implementing in all of our districts across the State.

Most people have not yet heard of COMMON CORE; that was by design. **We** were not supposed to know about it. Congress did not know about it either. Both Congress and all of the State legislators

in the 46 States that signed onto it were bypassed in the decision making.

Why? Because that way the President and the Federal Department of Education and the national/international cartel that helped create and write Common Core could slip it into the States more easily without a lot of controversy and haggling. They did not want it debated. It probably could not have passed a very close inspection anyway.

President Obama went to the Governors directly while their legislatures were not in session, so discussion, nor a vote by the legislators was allowed. Cleverly, the administration pressed the Governors to sign giving them just a small window of time even

before the actual standards, curricula, and assessment tests were able to be seen.

Common Core pretends to be a benign “State” program, State-written and controlled. It is touted as being “more rigorous” (whatever that means) and that it will “better prepare students for college and the workplace.”

We are told by the Obama administration that the Common Core standards were “voluntarily” adopted by the states that have signed onto the program. Actually, it was more like the States were “coerced” by tempting them with enormous stimulus grant money, a waiver to get out of “No Child Left Behind’s” rigid

requirements and threatening to take away Title One funds if they did not sign on.

However, I am afraid none of the above is true. Common Core is really a deceptive Trojan Horse, a national program, written by a national and International team, supported by the President and the Federal Department of Education. It is imposing national, top-down standards and curriculum on all of the 46 States that have signed on to it.

This new education program, preparing the way for “Race to the Top Assessments,” will take place in 2014 when all the computer software is in place to test the minds of the nation’s children to see how well Common Core has been sufficiently taught.

So essentially, we now have “education without representation” and “taxation without representation,” because the citizens whose taxpaying dollars are supposed to pay for Common Core were not informed or represented in the decision making process.

And the cost is astronomical - \$1.6 billion or higher in our State that is already almost bankrupt.

Please exercise your power as Board members to review this information while you still are able to and allow parental input and study regarding the academic education of their children.

Thank you.