

#3 - Carrot and stick methodology.

Good evening Supt. \_\_\_\_\_ and honored  
School Board Members.

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ I am a \_\_\_\_\_ who is  
very concerned about the Federal National  
curriculum called Common Core State Standards  
Initiative. It bypasses parents and state and local  
school boards and will fundamentally transform  
education by dictating what every child will learn.

This Common Core curriculum will be achieved by  
the carrot and stick methodology. The **carrot** is the  
offer of federal money, such as "Race to the Top"  
money granted only if the states first adopt the  
Common Core standards. The **stick** is the threat to  
withhold federal funds from states that don't obey.

**Some opponents are now calling Common Core "Obama core" because they believe that common Core is unconstitutional. They believe that the federal government has no power of education under the Constitution. Federal law specifically prohibits the federal government from having any say-so over curriculum or tests.**

**The essence of COMMON CORE or Obama Core is control of curriculum because that is where minds are molded and stimulated to higher levels of learning, and character is formed.**

**Many parents will recognize the Math standards as what is called Fuzzy Math, which is teaching very**

little arithmetic while wasting class time in having kids describe *how they got their answers* instead of *teaching them the best way to get correct answers.*

Mr. Emmet McGrouthy, attorney for the American Principles Project said, "Where the Common Core math has been tried, there has been no improvement."

In Massachusetts, the test scores have been lowered. In Utah, the scores remained the same. Why go through such an expensive change to a whole new program with such poor results.

The English and Literature standards are worse because they omit traditional and classical literature

**and confine kids to boring informational readings such as instruction manuals. In Massachusetts, the teachers have been forced to drop literary masterpieces of America tradition, including Moby Dick, Uncle Tom's Cabin and Huckleberry Finn.**

**Common Core is a comprehension plan to dumb down school children so they will accept the leftwing view of America and its history.**

**YOU still have control and power to decide what curriculum the children of \_\_\_\_\_ will have. PLEASE exercise that control and power while you still are able.**

**Thank you.**