

#4 - Experts who opposed the Common Core (a).

Good evening Superintendent _____ and honored School Board Members. My name is

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I am a citizen who is extremely interested in education and I am here tonight to give you the thoughts of experts who opposed the Common Core State Standards Initiative.

Governor Rick Perry of Texas said: “I will not commit Texas taxpayers to unfunded federal obligations or to the adoption of unproven, cost-prohibitive national standards and tests.”

In his letter to U.S. ED. Secretary Arne Duncan, he said, “I would be foolish and irresponsible to place

our children's future in the hands of unelected bureaucrats and special interest groups thousands of miles away in Washington.”

Governor Nikki Haley supports local control over Education and urges the passage of a bill to “Get South Carolina out of Common Core.” She recognizes that her state’s “challenges in education cannot be solved by increasing our dependence on federal dollars and the mandates that come with them.”

Margaret Spellings, former Education Secretary for George W. Bush, says that the result of the waivers is a confusing complicated patchwork, with 33 states now excused from “No Child Left Behind” and 6 other

waivers pending. More than half of the states are now adhering to the President's new educational policies rather than what was formed in Congress with "No Child Left Behind." Spellings states: "Even the most learned wonk can barely decipher what's going on, let alone a teacher or a parent."

Presidential Candidate Mitt Romney warned of the danger of Federal Education promoting an Agenda. He said, "...I don't subscribe to the idea of the federal government trying to push a common core on various states. It's one thing to put it out as a model and let people adopt it as they will, but to financially reward States based upon accepting the federal government's idea of a curriculum, I think, is a mistake."

Emmit McGourty, attorney for the American Principles Project said: Common Core does not improve Math Standards.

Professor William McCallum, a distinguished math professor from the University of Arizona and is one of the three writers for Common Core in math, the only one who was a mathematician of the three said the standards were pretty low and easy.

Liv Finne, Director of Washington Policy said - Math standards are mediocre and teach a form of Geometry that has never been used.