

#7 - Federal takeover of the school curriculum.

Good evening, Superintendent \_\_\_\_\_ and board members:

My name is \_\_\_\_\_, I am a \_\_\_\_\_ here tonight. I wish to share my concerns regarding the projected **Federal transformation and takeover of public school curricula** called Common Core State Standards Initiative.

It's well known that public schools are not graduating students as well-educated as formerly. American students score poorly on international tests, and billions of Federal dollars that are showered on public schools have not achieved any of the designated goals, which were to raise test

**scores and to eliminate the gap between high income and lower income students.**

**Common Core was formulated in the Department of Education and the administration. Common Core is supposed to raise test scores and to eliminate the gap between higher income and lower income students. The administration wants us to believe the remedy is to turn over control of our public schools to the Federal government.**

**Common Core was launched by the National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers. Those organizations have very official names but they are actually private groups**

**financed by foundations such as Bill Gates, (Microsoft founder) and other corporations.**

**Their plan is to induce all elementary and secondary schools to accept Common Core which is a comprehensive national curriculum.**

**National standards will be locked in by the tests students must take called assessments, which in turn are tied to teacher evaluation. The standards instruct the teachers what to teach, so their pupils can pass the tests and teachers can get positive evaluations.**

**This process bypasses parents, and state and local school boards, and will fundamentally**

transform education by dictating what every child will learn.

This is why I am concerned. I do not want the Federal government dictating what our local schools deem important for our school curricula.

**Better education occurs under local control not Federal control.** Our wise Founding Fathers believed that the best government was small, local government, which was closest to the people it governed. That is also how they felt about education. Education was best when governed by parents and small local school boards.

**Bill Evers of the Hoover Institute said this about the importance of local control:**

**“The insight of competitive federalism is that the 51 State school boards are better than a single federal executive branch office, and 15,000 local school boards are better than either 51 State school boards or a single federal office.**

**You still have the power to reverse this federal takeover of our \_\_\_\_\_ school curricula.**

**Please consider my comments regarding this Federal takeover of the \_\_\_\_\_ School District.**

**Thank you.**