

Lane County Republican Party

Resolution

Resolution Opposing Common Core Education Standards

- Whereas:** Common Core Education Standards (Common Core”) represents an attempt by The National Governors Association Center for Best Practices, the Council of Chief State School Officers and the U.S. Department of Education to impose a one size fits all, top down approach to education on all American schools; and
- Whereas:** Common Core, which is being implemented in Oregon represents an effort to subordinate local control of Oregon’s public schools to a nationalized and standardized American education “one-size-fits-all” system; and
- Whereas:** The National Republican Party Platform (p. 35) specifically states its opposition to a “...one size fits all approach to education” and supports “...providing broad educational choices at the State and local level”; and
- Whereas:** Common core is being used to build a comprehensive database to measure students’ progress and gather other personal, non-academic data; and
- Whereas:** Data may be obtained not only by questioning students but by the use of facial-monitoring equipment, neuro-psychological testing and sensors which are strapped to their bodies; and
- Whereas:** More than 500 K-3 education professionals have signed a statement opposing Common Core; and
- Whereas:** The cost to Oregon taxpayers of implementing Common Core will be an estimated \$182.027 million dollars; and
- Whereas:** Neither states nor parents, including homeschool parents, will be allowed to make any changes to Common Core;
- Whereas:** Research by the Brookings Institution demonstrated that there is not a link between high state standards and high student achievement;

Therefore, *Resolved That:*

- I. The Lane County Republican Party Central Committee opposes the implementation of Common Core in Oregon school districts; and
- II. The Lane County Republican Party Central Committee urges Republicans to indicate their opposition to Common Core by sending letters to local school boards, the Oregon Superintendent of Education, and local newspapers.

Adopted this day, June 27, 2013 by the Lane County Republican Party Central Committee in session.