

Oregon State 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; and
- Whereas:** Research by the Brookings Institution demonstrated that there is not a link between high state standards and high student achievement; and
- Whereas:** Common Core utilizes tracking systems, which are being set up through the Workforce Data Quality Initiative (WDQI), and is being implemented to support a collaborative partnership at the Federal level between the Departments of Labor and Education; and
- Whereas:** The long term WEQI and Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems (SLDA) goal for States, which Oregon has received grant money for, is to use their longitudinal data Systems to follow an individual through school and into and through their work life, which we believe is an invasion of privacy.

Therefore, Resolved That:

- The Oregon State Republican Party Central Committee opposes the implementation of Common Core State Standards in Oregon school districts; and
- The Oregon State Republican Party Central Committee urges its Representatives and Senators to empower parents with the ability to have their children opt-out of SLDS data mining which includes personal, non-academic information, eye retina scans and or any other medically identifiable record keeping methods which are not needed as part of a student's "education" records; and
- The Oregon State Republican Party Central Committee urges Oregon's Representatives and Senators to, in the next legislative session, support and reintroduce SB 567 which directs the State Board of Education to appoint a Chief Privacy Officer to be responsible for ensuring that student information contained in student education records is adequately protected.

Adopted this day, August 10, 2013 by the Oregon State Republican Party Central Committee in session. Presented by Becky Lemler, Delegate, Lane County