

My name is Bogdan Oprica and I am a resident of Avon. I have been working in a learning and performance role for over 5 years . I am also a parent of five children, four of which are currently in the public school system. I writing to you regarding HB5078. I suggest that the implementation of the Common Core State Standards in Connecticut be stopped.

Historically our state has had many communities that were achieving exceptional results by any standards, high CMT and SAT scores, college readiness, and a world class education on par with the world's best. This blanket approach imposed upon us by the Common Core is in essence forcing us, the citizens of CT, across the state, to invest millions of dollars in changing those schools that did not need any assistance or change, instead of focusing those millions, or efforts and those changes on the schools that needed it most - that is crass injustice, it is immoral and inexcusable. Why is so much effort and energy invested in those high achieving schools instead of investing in those schools that need it.

In order to find the right answer to whether to opt out of the common core, all we have to do is look at who is on the two sides of this face-off. Standing up against the Common Core across the nation are parents and teachers; exactly those groups that are closest to our children and are most invested in their future. On the other side you have corporate interests waiting to make huge sums of money and faceless bureaucrats that do not have our state's interest at heart.

Thank you.