

To Whom It May Concern:

For my testimony, I would like to read the letter I recently wrote to the superintendent of our school. I will be there tomorrow morning to sign up to testify.

Sincerely,

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From: Christine Campbell [mailto:christine__campbell@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2014 1:30 PM
To: Michael Jolin
Subject: Common Core

Dear Dr. Jolin,

Hello. I have been doing a lot of research about the Common Core and have been working very hard to educate myself about it. I realize it is being forced upon everyone (superintendents, administrators, teachers, etc.) because our state chose to accept it. I just read two letters that were written by CT superintendents to our legislators regarding the ill-effects of adopting these new standards. I have included the links below. I am wondering where you stand on this. Do you agree that this is not a good move for our school? If so, are you willing to write to our legislators as well? The more I read, the more concerned I become for my children.

I pride myself in being so involved with my children's education and I want what is best for them. My children have always done well in school and have always enjoyed going to school. I have to tell you that things have taken a negative shift this year. Both of my children are expressing their unhappiness and repeatedly tell me that they no longer want to go to school. They have so much being thrown at them that it is truly overwhelming for them. The school work has become much more difficult this year due to this new curriculum we are developing and there is a dramatic increase in homework which further reduces the short amount of time they have to play and just be children. I feel the teachers are being forced to accomplish so much in such a short amount of time that it just cannot be covered during the school day and the end result is a dramatic increase in homework. I am very unhappy with these changes and it saddens me to see my young children no longer be excited to go to school. I look forward to hearing your thoughts and feelings on this critically important matter.

Thank you for your time,
Christine Campbell