

I am concerned that what Connecticut is doing with education is what our country has done with healthcare. Rather than fix specific problems, we are willing to break our current system in the hopes that what results is better. With healthcare, we now know that is not the case, with more people having lost their healthcare than have signed up for Obamacare. Why are we willing to do this with education?

Before we turn our entire education system on its head, we need to know that what we do will in fact work. Has Common Core been tested? Have we seen tangible results in small scale trials? Have we talked to educators to see if this even makes sense?

I can tell you that Common Core is destined to failure for one very important reason. It is a top down change that those who are required to implement it do not believe in. I have been a safety professional for almost thirty years. I have implemented safety programs in large companies. As a safety professional, I would never implement a program in this fashion. You must engage those who implement the program to assist with development since they must buy in to the program for it to be successful. Based on what I have heard from educators who will be tasked with implementation, they are skeptical of the basic tenants of Common Core. If they don't believe in the viability of the program, how will it be successfully implemented?

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