

to whom it may concern, i am a retired teacher, 36 years in the elementary school, 4 years part time alternative education at the high school level. this is to inform you that i am not in favor of the common core standards nor their implementation tactics. the standards were written by non educator lobbyists. the leading language arts and math instructors when asked to sign off on it, refused, something is wrong. when former students who are teachers want to quit, something is wrong. when we dump millions of taxpayer money to privatize untested corporate reform education, something is wrong. when we have to spend more time test prepping than teaching , something is wrong. when you bring in teach for america students with no experience rather than hire certified teachers from our state, something is wrong. as a lifetime resident of connecticut i am appalled at the way education is being handled. i believe that the solution will be found in strong neighborhood schools will community foundations...thank you for your time....

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