

Education Testimony Committee

cc: David Scribner

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Dear Committee members,

Due to my work schedule I am unable to attend the March 12 hearing on the Common Core. However, I wish for my voice to be heard.

I am strongly opposed to this curriculum of teaching and teacher evaluation. I am sure other citizens will list the many faults inherent in this system. Therefore, I will just summarize, with only a few examples, the paucity of the situation. My children are being taught short cuts to find answers, not critical thinking to learning. Teachers are forced to teach to tests, not educating young minds in practical and necessary learning skills. Issues with testing would take 10 paragraphs, so I will leave that to others to discuss. Reading is no longer pleasurable. Schools no longer encourage thinking or promote a love or thirst for learning, and teachers are discouraged and demoralized. The good ones will leave.

Many parents in nearby states are forbidding their children from taking these tests. The groundswell is immense. Connecticut will have to join their ranks. Already losing residents due to high taxes, this might be the straw that breaks the camel's back, leading more parents to move out of Connecticut to better schools systems who figured out how damaging this curriculum is.

Please do something to stop this. You have put this voter in the position of not re-electing any incumbent and I am seriously considering a move out of Connecticut.

Sincerely,

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