

# Resolution 2014-P3

## Resolution Opposing Common Core State Standards initiative

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WHEREAS, The Common Core State Standards Initiative, also known as “Idaho’s Core Standards,” is a set of top down, nationally-based standards, assessments and data collection, teacher accountability measures, and school performance ratings with accompanying teacher redistribution measures; developed through a collaboration between two NGO’s (Private membership non-governmental organizations), being the National Governor’s Association (NGA) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO), as well as other unelected boards and consortia from outside the state of Idaho, as a method for conforming American students to uniform achievement goals to make them more competitive in a global marketplace; and WHEREAS, the NGA and the CCSSO, received tens of millions of dollars from private third parties to promote web-based data tools, promote transparency and accessibility of education data, advocate for and develop the CCSS strategy, subsequently created the CCSS through a process that was not subject to any freedom of information acts or other sunshine laws, and never piloted the CCSS; and

WHEREAS, even though Federal Law prohibits the federalizing of curriculum, the Obama Administration accepted the CCSS plan and used 2009 Stimulus Bill money to entice and reward the states that were most committed to the president’s CCSS agenda; further, they failed to give states, their legislatures and their citizens time to evaluate the CCSS before having to commit to them; and

WHEREAS, Common Core binds us to an established copyright over standards and tests; and

WHEREAS, Thirteen State’s standards exceeded the quality of CCSS and many have been made available to Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the General Education Provisions Act prohibits federal authority over curriculum and testing, yet the U.S.

Department of Education’s “Cooperative Agreements” confirm Common Core’s test-building and data collection of massive amounts of personal student and teacher data, under the guise of scientific research, is federally managed and shared; and

WHEREAS, the NGA and CCSSO in concert with the same corporations developing the CCSS ‘assessments’ have created new textbooks, digital media and other teaching materials aligned to the standards which must be purchased and adopted by local school districts in order that students may effectively compete on CCSS ‘assessments’ and thereby undermine the Idaho Republican State Platform regarding “Local Control”; Therefore be it

RESOLVED, The Idaho Republican Party as stated in the 2012 National Republican Party Platform citing it, “do[es] not believe in a one size fits all approach to education and support providing broad education choices to parents and children at the State and local level which is best based on free market approach to education for students to achieve individual excellence;” therefore be it

RESOLVED, The Idaho Republican Party recognizes the CCSS for what it is – an inappropriate overreach to standardize and control the education of our children so they will conform to a preconceived ‘normal;” therefore be it

RESOLVED, The Idaho Republican Party rejects the collection of personal student data for any purpose without the prior written consent of an adult student or a child student’s parent(s) and that it rejects the sharing of such personal data, without the prior written consent of an adult student or a child student’s parent(s), with any person or entity other than the school or education agencies within the state of Idaho; therefore be it

RESOLVED, In consideration of the 2012 National Republican Party Platform specifically states the need to repeal the numerous federal regulations which interfere with State and local control of public schools, (p36);iv the Idaho Republican Party rejects this CCSS plan which creates and fits the country with a nationwide straitjacket on academic freedom and achievement; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican Party calls on the Idaho State Board of Education to design an appropriate exit plan and develop a transition plan to higher quality, less invasive standards and testing; and further call on the Governor and the Idaho State Department of Education to initiate said exit plan to withdraw from the Idaho Core Standards and implement approved superior quality transition plan; therefore be it

RESOLVED, we ask the Idaho State Legislature to discontinue funding programs in association with the Common Core State Standards Initiative - the Idaho Core Standards, and any other alliance that promotes and tests for similar or same curricula, standards, and assessments, and to make provisions to restore Idaho’s education back to state and local control.

References:

1 [www.corestandards.org](http://www.corestandards.org)

1 Federal Law 20 USC 1232a-Sec. 1232a, and The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Pub.L. 89-10, 79 Stat. 27, 20 U.S.C. ch. 70.

<http://us-code.vlex.com/vid/prohibition-against-federal-control-19195093>

1 [http://www.gop.com/mc\\_counsel/](http://www.gop.com/mc_counsel/)

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