

Dear Chair Doherty and all the Representatives of House Education Committee,

Thank you for having a hearing on HB 2835, and I ask you support it!

I am a father who experienced the frustration of the rollout of Common Core, and what I watched it start to do to my son was short lived, because my wife and I pulled our boys out of public school. That was the result after dozens of hours of researching how CCSS came to be unconstitutionally, it's framework, who was funding it, its lack of valid research to be tested and proven, it's close connection to testing consortiums, data collection/privacy breaches, who profits from it, and it's negative effect on children/parents/teachers.

It was that same time period I had privilege of serving as Board Member of our school district, and coincidentally started hearing from parents and community members, asking how we as board members could allow this in our local schools. Dozens came forward to offer testimony of grave concern with CCSS, it's testing(Smarter Balance), history distortion, developmentally inappropriate curriculum(owned by monopoly of Pearson), and moral relativism. Listening to the testimonies, I see parents, children, and teachers bullied and intimidated. I've also seen the negative effect it has on school districts trying to create culture of positive learning experiences for all children.

Please support HB2835 so that local districts can have the proper support with parents and teachers! My experience with CCSS has left me feeling strong armed, extorted, and held hostage, and will not be in the best interests of the children, in guiding them into a lifestyle of taking personal responsibility for themselves.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Ron Crume