

Hello,

I have two elementary school aged children who are the guinea pigs in the common core, smarter balanced new world order. No one can explain why we went to common core except that the federal government gave a huge carrot to the Oregon to get on board without any questions. It seems to have worked as the majority of teachers are going gone ho because they are told to do so.

School issues should be handled at the local issue where there is more knowledge and commitment. HB2385 would do that so I hope you will all support this bill.

Smarter Balanced pretests have been given without permission and without any feedback. What is worse when the tests go live, the results are not provided until SUMMER. This makes NO SENSE as the teacher can not act on the test results. The Math questions are now hand written which leads to way too much subjectivity in the review by some unknown group of people. Math is black and white and does not need subjective measurement. Why bother?

The new proficiency grading is demotivating for the top level of student who is used to getting "5"s because of superior work in that time frame. Now the same student is getting 2 and 3's like the average and below average student. The current regime wants everyone equal and common and not standing out for excellence. My children are now totally underwhelmed about their report cards and the teachers really have no idea what types of kids they have in class as it is just one big common group.

I don't want common nor balanced by the government children who are just proficient. What happened to excelling in school and being the best. Please get Oregon back on the right track.

Thank Carl Wilson for his efforts!

One concerned parent