

Resolution Concerning the Common Core State Standards in Wyoming

WHEREAS, in 2009 the Wyoming Governor and State Superintendent of Public Instruction committed Wyoming to adopting common standards with a consortium of states through the Common Core State Standards Initiative without the participation of the Wyoming State Board Education who retains statutory authority over the Wyoming state education standards (i),

WHEREAS, the state of Wyoming did not create a cost analysis for the implementation of the Common Core State Standards and the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium tests and the effective burden on the taxpayers of Wyoming,

WHEREAS, adoption of the Common Core State Standards eliminates Wyoming's constitutional autonomy over the educational standards for Wyoming's students in English language arts and mathematics as a result of the copyright of the Common Core State Standards which cannot be amended or subtracted from (ii),

WHEREAS, the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Wyoming asserts that "The state is committed to implement a plan to identify any existing barriers in State Law, statute, regulation or policy to implementing the proposed assessment system and to addressing any such barriers prior to full implementation of the summative assessment components of the system" (iii),

WHEREAS, the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium agreement states "The Grantee must provide timely and complete access to any and all data collected at the State level to ED or its designated program monitors, technical assistance providers, or researcher partners, and to GAO, and the auditors conducting the audit required by 34 CFR section 80.26,

WHEREAS, the Republican National Committee passed a resolution opposing Common Core State Standards in the Spring of 2013 (v),

THEREFORE, be it resolved that Wyoming Republican Central Committee resolve that the state leaders should:

1. Withdraw Wyoming from the Common Core State Standards Initiative
2. Withdraw Wyoming from the Smarter Balanced Testing Consortium and the planned assessments for Wyoming students
3. Prohibit all state officials from entering into any agreements that cede any measure of control over Wyoming education to entities outside the state and ensure that all content standards as well as curriculum and assessment decisions supporting those standards are adopted through a transparent statewide and/or local process fully accountable to the citizens in every school district in Wyoming

4. Prohibit the collection, tracking and sharing of personal identifiable student and teacher data except with schools and educational agencies within the state.

i. The Council of Chief State School Officers and the National Governors Association “Common Core Standards Memorandum of Agreement.”

ii. <http://www.corestandards.org/public-license>

iii. United States. Dept of Education. " Memorandum of Understanding: Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium: Race to the Top Assessment Program: Comprehensive Assessment Systems Grant Application” Signed November 29, 2010. CFDA # 84.395B

iv. United States Department of Education “U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION and the SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENT CONSORTIUM and the STATE OF WASHINGTON (fiscal agent)” Signed January 7, 2011. PR/Award #: S395B100003 and S395B100003A

(v) http://www.gop.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/Resolution_Concerning_Common_Core_Education_Standards.pdf