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**1. Are you familiar with the Common Core State Standards and how it is affecting education in our state?**

- It's new to me, but I will learn more.
- A working knowledge and NOT in favor of it.
- A working knowledge and in favor of it.
- Other

**Comments**

Common Core and NGSS are flawed and damaging public policy for education. Requiring first graders to identify and practice words of fear to manipulate others to get what they want is wrong headed. Indoctrination is not education.

**2. Would you consider sponsoring legislative remedies in the upcoming legislative session that would include a total removal of Common Core in Wyoming and mandating state-created standards of higher quality?**

- Yes
- No
- Other

**Comments**

**3. Do you believe the budget footnote defunding the NGSS was the correct decision for the state of Wyoming?**

- I agree that this is the direction that the majority of educators and parents feel we should go.
- I disagree and feel that the NGSS should have a place in Wyoming
- Other

**Comments**

Based on my review of information on NGSS at the NGSS web site, the majority seems to be theory and conjecture using circular reasoning and citing theory as fact.

**4. Do you feel it is important the Wyoming Department of Education improve communication with parents/public to allow for meaningful input into the education of their children and support legislation strengthening current communication practices?**

- Yes
- No
- Other

**Comments**

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The Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems (SLDS) is a citizen tracking program, and a grant program, that rewards states financially for participating. It's also called P-20, which stands for preschool through age 20 (workforce) tracking. It will hold data and share it statewide and with third parties. This data includes an unique identifier for every student that does not permit a student to be individually identified (except as permitted by federal and state law) and also includes the following; school enrollment history, demographic characteristics, and program participation record of every student; information on when a student enrolls, transfers, drops out, or graduates from a school; students scores on tests required by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act; information on students who are not tested, by grade and subject; students scores on tests measuring whether they're ready for college; a way to identify teachers and to match teachers to their students; information from students' transcripts, specifically courses taken and grades earned; data on students' success in college, including whether they enrolled in remedial courses; data on whether K-12 students are prepared to succeed in college; a system of auditing data for quality, validity, and reliability; and the ability to share data from preschool through post secondary education data systems.

**5. Would you support legislation insuring that parents are informed about the data being collected on their children in public school, which also includes information on how that data is being used and mandates safeguards for protecting that data? (The following language would also be included in the legislation: not allowing data to be shared between state agencies, not collecting data without written parental consent (opting-In), not sharing the child's name or any identifying information outside the local district, etc.)**

- Yes
- No
- Conditionally

**Comments**

Do not support harvesting of data generally and about students/minors or questions related to information on family or relatives specifically

**6. Do you support legal recourse to the entity who is gathering data on Wyoming citizens, should the data be misused or stolen by a third party due to insufficient safeguards protecting the data held by the State Longitudinal Database (SLDS)?**

- Yes
- No
- Other

**Comments**

Stiff restrictions and penalties are needed.

**7. Should the state level standardized test (PAWS) be changed to a national test such as Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) or Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC), who are both partnered with the American Institute for Research (AIR - a behavioral and social science research and evaluation organization)?**

- Yes
- No
- Other

**Comments**

**8. Do you believe that tying a teacher's evaluation to her/his students' test scores is detrimental to good teaching practice and encourages teaching to the test?**

- Yes and I will support legislation preventing it.
- No
- Other

**Comments**

**9. Do you believe that parents have the Constitutional right that allows for their input and grants them as the final decision maker in the education of their child, when it comes to the standards, curriculum, absenteeism, homeschooling, etc?**

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree

- Strongly Disagree
- Other

## Comments

### **10. Additional comments about Education**

We need to look at ways to advance students commensurate with their individual learning and proficiency testing progress. Need to break the paradigm paralysis enveloping education in the State Legislature.