

Let's Defeat COMMON CORE

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Action Needed!

Ladies, you will recall that back in May at our spring board meeting we passed a resolution to oppose Common Core Standards for our NC Children.

Now we have a strategy to begin our work. We are not alone. We are forming a team. This report is longer than usual but I encourage you to study it and learn what we must do.

Conservatives across NC oppose Common Core. A broad coalition of groups and individuals are working together to stop Common Core in our state - [Stop Common Core NC](#), [NC Federation of Republican Women](#), Tea Parties, [Civitas](#), [John Locke Foundation](#), elected officials and more.

The NC General Assembly has formed a Common Core Study Committee, which must bring a recommendation to the GA by December of 2014.

We need to help two things happen:

1. Have the Study Committee bring their report by May 2014, during the NCGA spring session, so the recommendations may be implemented before the next school year.
2. Have the Committee recommend that the General Assembly pause Common Core.

We must be engaged over the coming months like we have never been engaged before. We stopped the health care exchanges and Medicaid expansion in NC; stopping Common Core is going to require even more of us.

There will be several steps along the way, to include:

-Contacting the Study Committee

- Contacting our own legislators
- Educating the public (we have a speaker's bureau and can plan programs around the issue)
- Writing letters to the editor (we will have some samples and templates soon)
- Attending the Committee hearings (first one is mid-December).

Today is Step One.

We know it's Thanksgiving week. We wouldn't ask you to engage if it weren't absolutely necessary. If you can make a few calls or send a few emails on Monday or Tuesday and pass this information along to others, it will have a huge impact and we can come back to it again next week.

ACTION:

1. CONTACT THE STUDY COMMITTEE

Ask them where they stand on Common Core and let them know of your concerns.

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2. CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS

Let them know of your concerns. You can find your legislators [here](#).

Note - Our emails to our legislators have more impact when they are personal and individualized, rather than mass produced.

3. JOIN THE [FACEBOOK EVENT PAGE](#) for updates (also check out the Sticky Note Campaign details there for November 27)

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We believe we will stop Common Core in NC, and we are RESOURCES!

[Stop Common Core NC](#) - Great for information and updates. You can also find your elected officials, including school board members, at the site.

[Handout on Common Core](#)

John Locke Foundation's [60 Questions on Common Core](#)

View Your County's Test Results:

1. Go to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction [website](#).
2. Under "Highlights", click on [2012-13 NC READY Accountability Report](#).
3. When the page in step 2 comes up, look over to the left side of page and click on [State, School System \(LEA\) and School Performance 1997-2013](#).
4. At this point, you can click on any year but it's recommended to click on [2012-2013](#) to get the most current information.
5. There will be a series of drop downs you have to navigate. The first one allows you to choose any School System in the state. For the second one, scroll down and click "LEA Results". The third one lets you choose subject - "Math and Reading Composite" is recommended. The fourth one lets you choose grade - "Composite, Grade 3 through 8" is recommended. The last one lets you choose type of assessment - choosing "ALL" is recommended.
6. Click on "View Report" and see the results.

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End Common Core in North Carolina.

***Thanks for the support and attention to this issue!***

For our Federation website, please visit

[www.ncfrw.com](http://www.ncfrw.com)