

Let's End COMMON CORE

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Action Needed - Week of December 4

We have developed a large coalition of groups, parents, teachers and others opposed to Common Core. [NCFRW](#) is proud to be one of the coalition members.

END COMMON CORE - Step 2

We are having an impact, but we must ramp up our efforts this week. We must call and email the study committee and our own state legislators again this week and let them know our concerns with CC. Some talking points are attached. We must have a FLOOD of calls and emails to counter the pressure from the other side. (SEE CONTACT INFO BELOW.)

This week's action to End Common Core:

1. Mark Your Calendars for the NC General Assembly Common Core Study Committee Public Meeting

The first public meeting of the NCGA Common Core Study Committee will be Tuesday, December 17, 1pm, 643 LOB, Raleigh, NC.

We need AS MANY of us there as possible. Get there early, as the CC proponents will be there in full force.

Wear RED. We will have some stickers, *or if you would like a North Carolina Against Common Core button for \$4, message Velvet S. Cowan by this Friday.* velvetshelton@hotmail.com

2. Educate the public

a. Plan public forums and town halls for January, February, March and April. Ask one of NC's common core experts to participate, along with your state legislator. Invite everyone - parents, teachers, the media, elected officials, etc.

Recommended speakers include:

Lindalyn Kakadelis
John Locke Foundation, kakadelis@bellsouth.net 704.231.9767

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b. Continue the Sticky Note Campaign - In public places, leave sticky notes with messages like "NC Children are NOT Common. End Common Core." Be sure to include a website where people can learn more (see below).

c. Wear your Stop Common Core tee shirts and buttons and stickers when out in public. Have a handout ready to share when asked about Common Core.

d. Letters to the Editor (coming soon).

3. Resolutions against Common Core

Bring resolutions opposing Common Core to your county and district Republican party organizations. Deliver the passed resolution to your state reps and state senators, and send them to us so we can compile them and give to the Study Committee.

A sample resolution (from Surry County) is attached. ([PDF](#) & [Word](#) formats)

4. Share the petition

Sign the statewide petition and pass it on!

<http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/north-carolinians-against-common-core>

5. Talking Points - [READ THIS LIST - IT'S COMPELLING!!](#)

6. Stay in Touch with the Study Committee

Continue calling and emailing Committee members and your own legislators to express your concerns about Common Core. Contact information for Study Committee members is below.

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**List of all Legislators found [here](#).**



## **RESOURCE LIST**

[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](#)

**[FACEBOOK EVENT PAGE](#)** (also check out the Sticky Note Campaign details there)

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)

