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Good evening Superintendent _____ and honored board members.

My name is _____.

You have heard the comments of my colleagues concerning The Common Core Standards States Initiative. I want to focus on FERPA “The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 that is a United States federal law or most recently was.

This law protected students from the public having access to their education records, medical records, and/or private family information.

However, the current administration, by executive order changed FERPA. In December, 2011, with the help of Arne Duncan and the U.S. Department of Education FERPA was gutted and amended, without Congressional approval.

The new FERPA regulations went into effect January, 2012. They make it possible now for the federal and state governments to legally access *all personal records on students and their families.*

The current administration is paving the way for private entities to buy their way into the personal data of our children and their families. Even more

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alarming, the U.S. Department of Education is encouraging an over-reaching push from aggregate-level data gathering to invasive individual student-level data collection. In another words, a defacto national database on *ALL* students nationwide.

The National Education Data Model, (NEDM) available online, lists hundreds of data points considered indispensable to the nationalized student tracking racket.

(<http://nces.ed.gov/forum/datamodel/eiebrowser/techview.aspx?instance=studentElementarySecondary>)

These include:

**“Bus Stop Arrival Time” and “Bus Stop Description.”
“Dwelling arrangement.” “Diseases, Illnesses and**

**Other Health Conditions.” “Religious Affiliation.”
“Voting Status” and “Dwelling Ownership.” Home-
schoolers and religious families that reject traditional
government education would also be tracked.**

**Original National Education Data Model (NEDM) data
points included hair color, eye color, weight, blood
types and even dental status. **The American
Principles Project**, a conservative education think
tank, states that Common Core’s technological project
is “merely one part of a much broader plan by the
federal government to track individuals from birth
through their participation in the workforce.”**

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How exactly does amassing and selling such personal data improve educational outcomes? It doesn't.
Federal Education is not about excellence or academic achievement. It's about control.

PLEASE place The Common Core State Standards on your agenda, so that parents can understand what The Common Core State Standards will do to their individual and family privacy.

Please review this important information while you still can exercise your power as a member that is part of the local school board, *for which you were voted*

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into by those who pay school taxes here in

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Thank you.