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**Good evening, Superintendent \_\_\_\_\_ and board members: My name is \_\_\_\_\_.**

**I come before you tonight to give you my concerns and reasons about Common Core State Standards Initiative, the new federal education program that Governor Paterson quietly signed in 2009, which is now being implemented in all of our districts across New York State for Math & ELA (English Language Arts).**

**Most people have not yet heard of **COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS**; that was by design. You were not**

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**supposed to know about it. Congress did not know either and was sidestepped. Both Congress and all of the State legislators in the 45 States that signed onto it were *bypassed in the decision-making.***

**Why? Because this is the way the Administration and the Federal Department of Education designed it. They recruited Achieve, Inc. to write the Common Core State Standards then worked in conjunction with two national consortiums, SBAC (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium) and PARCC, (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College & Careers).**

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The federal government then realized the need to make this *look like a state-generated initiative.*

The DOE, Department of Education recruited the National Governors Association (NGA) and the Council of Chief State Officers (CCSSO), both of which are DC based trade associations and *neither of which had a grand of authority from states to write national school standards.* This made the implementation of the CCSS efforts much easier to enact it to the States without a lot of controversy and haggling. It was not meant for it to be debated.

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**The DOE, Department of Education went to the Governors directly while their legislatures were not in session, so discussion, nor a vote, by the legislators were held.**

**This new education program, preparing the way for “Race to the Top assessments,” will take place starting 2013-2014 when all the computer software is in place to test the minds of the nation’s children and the children of New York State which has already started to see how well Common Core has been sufficiently taught.**

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**Common Core pretends to be a benign “State” program, State-written and State-controlled.**

**It is sold as being “more rigorous and internationally benched marked” and that it will “better prepare students for college and the workplace.” This claim has now been recanted by The Common Core State Standard Initiative’s website and is no longer posted there.**

**However, I am afraid none of the above is true. Common Core is really a deceptive Trojan Horse, a program, written by Achieve, Inc. in conjunction with two national consortiums SBAC, which is known as**

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**Smarter Balanced and PARCC, Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Career, siphoned through the National Governors Association (NGA), and the Council of Chief State Officers (CCSSP), both of which are DC based trade associations supported by the Administration and the Federal Department of Education (Arne Duncan).**

**It is imposing a national, top-down standards and curriculum on all of the 45 States that have signed on to it. We are told by the Administration that the Common Core standards were “voluntarily” adopted by the states that have signed onto the program. Actually,**

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**it was more like the States were “coerced” by tempting them with enormous stimulus grant money, a waiver to get out of “No Child Left Behind’s” rigid requirements and threatening to take away Title I funds if they did not sign on.**

**Please review this important information while you can still exercise your power as a member that is part of the local school board, for which you were voted into by those who pay school taxes like myself.**

**Thank you for your time.**