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**Good evening, Superintendent \_\_\_\_\_ and board members.**

**My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I wish to share my concerns regarding the projected **Federal transformation and takeover of public school curricula** called The Common Core State Standards Initiative.**

**The administration wants us to believe the remedy is to turn over control of our public schools to the Federal government.**

**The Common Core State Standards was launched by the National Governors Association and the Council of**

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**Chief State School Officers. Those organizations have very official names but they are actually DC based trade associations and neither of which had a grant of authority from states to *write national school standards*. Many of these companies are financed by foundations such as Bill Gates, (Microsoft founder) and other corporations.**

**Their plan is to induce all elementary and secondary schools to accept The Common Core State Standards, which is a comprehensive mandated national curriculum.**

**National standards will be locked in by the tests students must take called assessments, which in turn**

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**are tied to teacher evaluation. The standards instruct the teachers what to teach, so their students can pass the tests and teachers can get positive evaluations.**

**This process bypasses parents, and state and local school boards, and will fundamentally transform education by dictating what every child will learn.**

**This is why I am concerned. I do not want the Federal government dictating what our local schools deem important for our local school curricula.**

**Better education occurs under local control not Federal control. Our wise Founding Fathers believed**

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**that the best government was small, local government, which was closest to the people it governed. That is also how they felt about education.**

**Education was best when governed by parents and small local school boards.**

**Bill Evers of the Hoover Institute said this about the importance of local control: “The insight of competitive federalism is that the 51 State school boards are better than a single federal executive branch office, and 15,000 local school boards are better than either 51 State school boards or a single federal office”.**

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**You still have the power to reverse this federal takeover of our \_\_\_\_\_ school curricula.**

**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 into by those who pay school taxes here in* \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Thank you.**