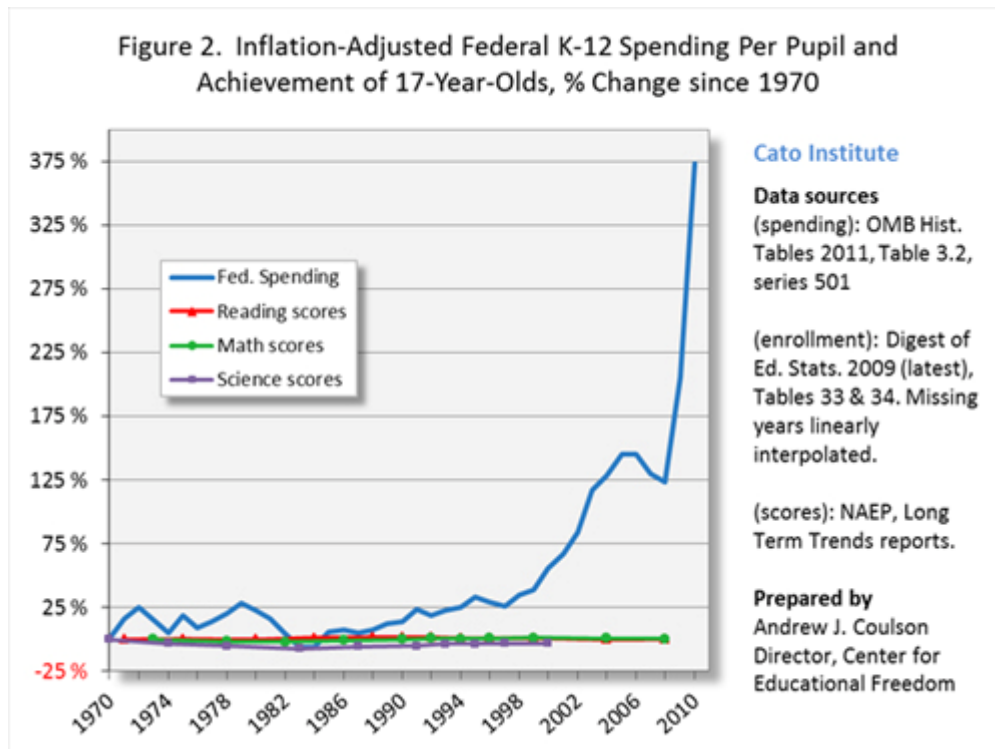


Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

Too often the growing opposition to High Stakes Testing and Common Core presents a fragmented and emotional message which may leave you confused about how you can actually help with legislation. Nearly 100% of the parents and teachers who learn the realities of Common Core oppose it, but what can we do about it together?

Other states have already led the way with many differing approaches and we can learn by their success and failures. We have learned that increasing the testing frequency and punishments, scores have not increased, but costs have soared.



We have learned that simply by rebranding Common Core, anger and frustration increases while children suffer and test scores plummet. Pausing Common Core continues the steamroller and children need help now...not 3 years from now.

We have drafted legislation that may accomplish our mutual goals to improve education for your consideration this year and encourage you to join in support of this urgently needed change.

### **The Florida Education Stakeholders Empowerment Act**

#### **The results we hope to achieve:**

- 1 Restore accountability of curriculum content and materials to local districts and parents.**
- 2 Dramatically reduce costs and complexity of testing.**
- 3 Increase learning time and increase choices for students.**
- 4 Eliminate the risk of data mining.**

#### **Features:**

**\* Gives School Districts the choice to select from Legislature approved, pre-2009, best state Standards for ELA and Math. All other standards are chosen by the District.**

**\* Districts choose just one nationally normed test per year from a list approved by the Commissioner and legislature, administered to grade 3 to grade 10 at the end of the year. All other testing is the responsibility of the District.**

**\* Requires that all student data be “aggregated, anonymized and de-identified” when leaving the school district to prevent data mining.**

**\* Bases 50% of accountability for schools and administrators on testing results of a nationally normed test chosen by the district and 50% based on constructive learning environments of each school reported by the Commissioner.**

**\*Does not require computerized testing.**

**\*Gives legal authority for parents to opt out of testing and has an “opt in” required for sex education, family definition, or family values materials taught in schools.**

**\*Bottom Line: This continues to allow the Florida Legislature to measure the quality of education throughout Florida schools and School Districts but enables each school and school teacher the flexibility to unleash the creative potential of each child!**

We are looking forward to cooperating with you to serve our children, our state and our nation. Our long lists of constituents, organizations and experts listed in support below are waiting to discuss your ideas and questions with you. We are asking you to step up and support this bill. Our grassroots supporters across the state are tracking results and will want to know your decision. We are available to do workshops with you to completely vet these ideas to your satisfaction.

Return this now to [chris@stopcommoncorefl.com](mailto:chris@stopcommoncorefl.com) so that you can be counted as a supporter.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, support the ideas presented above and will help pass a bill this year.

Sincerely,

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