

To the Education Committee Members;

I am a mother of three children in the USD 497 school district, so I have a vested interest in the legislation that will affect their education careers. I have seen first hand the destruction N.C.L.B. has done in the classrooms of my children, and that is how I became so interested in education legislation. C.C.S. should not be thought of as a good replacement for N.C.L.B. It too is a huge overreach of the federal government to gain control of our schools. The 10th amendment gives jurisdiction of education to the states, and that is where it should remain. Parents and teachers know what is best for the children in their classrooms, not a group of people in Washington who know nothing about the Geographic's, or the sociologic make up of Kansas. C.C.S was not a state led initiative, and the states did not have control over the standards written. In order to receive the N.C.L.B. waiver the state must adopt the standards word for word, and be tested with a national test. This means they are in turn controlling the curriculum. I do not want my child's teachers to have to teach to a test anymore. They should have the freedom to teach, and my child should have the freedom to learn. The Kansas standards are not a problem, so we do not need to change them. It is the measure of the achievement of those standards that has been brought into question.

One of the scariest things about C.C.S. has nothing at all to do with standards, but the tracking of student data through S.L.D.S. State Longitudinal Data Systems, which would track my children's and my families every move from kindergarten through college. This is a direct assault on my family's privacy according to F.E.R.P.A. Family Educational Rights and Privacy and P.P.R.A. Pupil Protection Rights Act. This information would track a students attendance, truancy, suspension, family health history, family gun ownership and everything my child does attempting to pigeonhole him into a career path that they think suitable for their global agenda. A child should be allowed to make some mistakes in life and learn from them with out those mistakes following him/her to their career.

I was in attendance of the February committee meeting where several witnesses gave expert testimony concerning the truth of C.C.S. and the enormous cost it will take for Kansas to implement. Please look back at what they talked to you about and learn more about how C.C.S. will affect Kansas.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my letter;

Sincerely

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