

March, 2013

**A RESOLUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE GUIDANCE COMMITTEE (EGC)  
OF THE MARICOPA COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE (MCRC)  
MARICOPA COUNTY, STATE OF ARIZONA**

**IN OPPOSITION TO THE**

**Unconstitutional federal takeover of Arizona's public school system**

- **WHEREAS**, the Common Core standards are a nationalized set of K-12 Content standards that will establish federal curriculum requirements in direct violation of the states right to dictate curriculum as written in the General Education Provisions Act, Department of Education Organizational Act and the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, and
- **WHEREAS**, the assertion that the Common Core standards were state-led and designed by the states is a lie. In fact, Common Core – owned by the Trade Association marketed as the National Governors Association, advocated by the Obama Administration Department of Education and marketed by Achieve, Inc., funded by the Gates Foundation – is not now nor will it ever become a state run program, and
- **WHEREAS**, the PARCC Assessment which will be used to evaluate whether Arizona teachers and students are meeting the Common Core Curriculum Standards as determined by federal bureaucrats in Washington, D.C. – chosen by the Arizona State Board of Education as its vehicle of choice in the failed attempt to acquire RTTP funding to Arizona – is still in the writing stage and not available for even cursory evaluation, and
- **WHEREAS**, the Race To The Top was a grant scheme created by the US Department of Education under President Obama – whose real goal was to federalize our nation's K-12 public school system – that required states to approve the Common Core concept as a part of the application process. The RTTP application was due January 2010, which was three months before any of the **Draft** Common Core Standards were released, and
- **WHEREAS**, Dr. Sandra Stotsky, a Common Core English Standard Validation Board member states, "Common Core's 'college readiness' standards for English Language arts and reading do not aim for a level of achievement that signifies readiness for authentic college-level work. They point to no more than readiness for a high school diploma (<http://coehp.uark.edu/colleague/9863.php>), and
- **WHEREAS**, Dr. James Milgram, Common Core Math Standards Validation Board Member states, "The Common Core standards claim to be 'benchmarked against to international standards' is meaningless. They (Common Core standards) are actually two or more years *behind* international expectations by the eighth grade, and only fall *further behind* as they talk about grades 8-12. Indeed, they don't even fully cover the material in a solid geometry course, or a second year algebra course." <http://hoosiersagainstcommoncore.com/james-milgram-testimony-to-the-indiana-senate-committee/>, and

- **WHEREAS**, neither the governor, nor the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, who are strongly advocating for implementation, has presented a budget for Common Core in Arizona. "Accountability Works, in their study of Common Core, estimated that the total additional costs (one-time plus a 7-year time period for implementation) to state taxpayers will amount to \$15.8 billion. That estimate includes the following new expenses for the states: \$1.2 billion for participation in the new assessments; \$5.3 billion for professional development; \$2.5 billion for textbooks and instructional materials; and \$6.9 billion for technology infrastructure and support."No one can project with any degree of accuracy an estimate when the test and standards for History and Science have not been written, and
- **WHEREAS**, Common Core also is developing State Longitudinal Database Systems (SLDS) to track our students- from preschool through college! What will be tracked? From the SLDS website: "a unique identifier for each student; student enrollment history; tracks if a student drops out or switches schools; tracks students test scores; matches student performance to teachers; tracks transcripts of students in courses they have taken and their grades; tracks student data if they were enrolled in "remedial" classes; tracks student data to determine if they are "prepared to success in college" and the SLDS has the ability to share this data with other preschool through postsecondary education data systems, and
- **WHEREAS**, Common Core advocates in the legislature have written legislation establishing the foundations for full implementation of the Common Core federal takeover of our state and local school system; and the Common Core costs in the Scottsdale Unified School District alone now approaching \$10 MILLION with full implementation still on the distant horizon; and with the projected FY2014 General Fund hemorrhaging only beginning to be exposed; and the fact that bills are already being advanced that will implement the training of teachers, assessment selection and approval of the Common Core standards when the Science and History standards still have not been written, and
- **WHEREAS**, informed sources inside the United States Department of Education have stated that the draft components consistently demonstrate the elimination of traditional American history course material and the core principles inscribed in our Declaration of Independence and Constitution in order to present a more "acceptable" international perspective on historical events to our children, therefore now be it,
- **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Guidance Committee of the Maricopa County Republican Committee does affirm and declare strong opposition to the Common Core Standards, and, be it further
- **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Guidance Committee of the Maricopa County Republican Committee urges the Republican Legislators of the State of Arizona House and Senate to stand with the people of Arizona in opposition to any further actions that would assist in the implementation of Common Core Standards, and be it further
- **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Guidance Committee of the Maricopa County Republican Committee urges Governor Brewer, Superintendent Huppenthal, President Biggs, and Speaker Tobin to take the necessary actions to rescind all previous actions that validated Common Core as acceptable for our K-12 system, and be it finally

- **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Guidance Committee of the Maricopa County Republican Committee opposes all attempts by the Obama Administration to violate the Tenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States whether it be Education, Health, Privacy or Personal Liberty.

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PASSED & APPROVED this 7th day of March, 2013, by a vote of 28 (ayes) to 0 (nays) to 0 (abstentions) of the Executive Guidance Committee of the Maricopa County Republican Committee, Maricopa County, State of Arizona.

MARICOPA COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE  
MARICOPA COUNTY, STATE OF ARIZONA:

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