

RESOLUTION NO. 6 of 2014
**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF THE
SHARPSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT OPPOSING THE COMMON CORE
STATE STANDARDS INITIATIVE**

WHEREAS, the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) are a set of academic standards, promoted and supported by two private membership organizations, namely, the National Governor’s Association (NGA) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) as a method for conforming American students to uniform (“one size fits all”) achievement goals to make them more competitive in a global marketplace; and

WHEREAS, the NGA and the CCSSO received tens of millions of dollars from private third parties to advocate for and develop the CCSS initiative, created the CCSS through a process that was not subject to any freedom of information acts or other sunshine laws, and never piloted the CCSS; and

WHEREAS, no official financial analysis has been performed to determine the cost to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or to the individual school districts, and outside estimates have determined that the costs could be high and result in more unfunded mandates; and

WHEREAS, the CCSS is neither research-based nor internationally benchmarked, and additionally was not piloted before adoption; and

WHEREAS, even though Federal Law prohibits the federalizing of curriculum, the Obama Administration accepted the CCSS initiative and used 2009 Stimulus Bill money to reward the states that were most committed to the President’s CCSS agenda; but, failed to give states, legislatures and citizens time to evaluate the CCSS before having to commit to the CCSS; and

WHEREAS, the NGA and CCSSO, in concert with the same corporations developing the CCSS “assessments”, caused the creation of new textbooks, digital media and other teaching materials aligned to the CCSS which must be purchased and adopted by local school districts, in order that students may effectively compete on CCSS ‘assessments’, and

WHEREAS, the CCSS includes federally-funded testing;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of School Directors of the Sharpsville Area School District, as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Sharpsville Area School District does not subscribe to a one size fits all approach to education and supports providing broad education choices to parents and children at the state and local levels, and

RESOLVED, that the Sharpsville Area School District recognizes the CCSS as an inappropriate overreach to standardize and control the education of our children so that they will conform to a preconceived level of “proficiency”, and

RESOLVED, that the Sharpsville Area School District rejects the collection of personal student data for any non-educational purpose without the prior written consent of an adult student or a child student’s parent or guardian and that it rejects the sharing of such personal data, without the prior written consent of an adult student or a child student’s parent or guardian, with any person or entity other than that which is covered under school district policy or with education agencies within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of the Sharpsville Area School District hereby officially advises the Pennsylvania Board of Education, the Pennsylvania Secretary of Education, the Governor of Pennsylvania, the Senate’s and House of Representatives’ Education Committees and the Independent Regulatory Review Commission that it opposes the Common Core State Standard Initiative.

DULY ADOPTED, by the Board of School Directors of this School District, this 17th day of November, 2014.

SHARPSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Sharpsville, Pennsylvania

By: _____

President

ATTEST:

Secretary

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