

## Opposing Common Core State Standards

WHEREAS, The U.S. Constitution's 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment prohibition against federal meddling in state education policy was circumvented when two unaccountable private trade associations - the National Governors Association (NGA) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSS) - received millions of dollars in funding from the Gates Foundation and others to create the Common Core State Standards; and

WHEREAS, The copyrighted Common Core State Standards are a set of controversial top-down K-12 academic standards that were promulgated without research-based evidence of validity and are developmentally inappropriate in the lowest grades; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Education improperly pressured states to adopt the Common Core State Standards and high-stakes standardized testing based on them as a condition of competing for unconstitutional federal Race to the Top stimulus funds; and

WHEREAS, The State Superintendent of Public Instruction adopted the Common Core State Standards with no opportunity for either public or legislative input; and

WHEREAS, This adoption effectively transferred control over public school standardized testing from locally elected school boards to the unaccountable corporate interests that control the Common Core State Standards and who stand to profit substantially; and

WHEREAS, The Wisconsin State Constitution calls for public education to be controlled by our elected State Superintendent of Public Instruction and our elected local school boards; and

WHEREAS, The implementation of the Common Core State Standards is costing taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars to pay for standardized computer-based tests, new technology, new curricula and teacher training without proven benefit to students; and

WHEREAS, Some states have already withdrawn from the Common Core State Standards; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Republican Party of Outagamie County, in caucus assembled, calls upon the Wisconsin State Legislature and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to use all legislative and supervisory powers to remove all aspects of the Common Core State Standards from public education in Wisconsin and keep our system of public education student-centered and accountable to the people of Wisconsin and our local school boards; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Republican Party of Outagamie County, in caucus assembled, urges the Wisconsin Legislature to revisit the powers and duties of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to assure that the office does not have authority to pressure school districts by financial or other means to act in discord with Wisconsin's local-control statutes; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Republican Party of Outagamie County, in caucus assembled, will vigorously seek out and support candidates for State Superintendent of Public Instruction who strongly support local control in accord with the constitution and statutes of the State of Wisconsin.