



MARTIN COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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RESOLUTION OF THE MARTIN COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO COMMON CORE STANDARDS AND CURRICULA FOR FLORIDA SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2013, the Republican National Committee (RNC) in a special meeting in Los Angeles, California, released their “RESOLUTION CONCERNING COMMON CORE EDUCATION STANDARDS” and the members of this Committee herein express to the people of Florida their full and unequivocal support for the positions taken by the RNC, and

WHEREAS, the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) are a set of academic standards, promoted and supported by two private membership organizations, 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 marketplace¹, and

WHEREAS, the NGA and the CCSSO, received tens of millions of dollars from private third parties to advocate for and develop the CCSS strategy, subsequently 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, even though Federal Law prohibits the federalizing of curriculum², the Obama Administration accepted the CCSS plan and used 2009 Stimulus Bill money to reward the states that were most committed to the president’s CCSS agenda; but, they failed to give states, their legislatures and their citizens time to evaluate the CCSS before having to commit to them, and

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

WHEREAS, the CCSS program includes federally funded testing and the collection and sharing of massive amounts of personal student and teacher data, and

WHEREAS, the CCSS effectively removes educational choice and competition since all schools and all districts must use Common Core ‘assessments’ based on the

Common Core standards to allow all students to advance in the school system and to advance to higher education pursuits; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Republican National Committee and the Martin County Republican Executive Committee, as stated in the 2012 Republican Party Platform, “do not believe in a one size fits all approach to education and support providing broad education choices to parents and children at the State and local level,” (p35) , which is best based on a free market approach to education for students to achieve individual excellence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Republican National Committee and the Martin County Republican Executive Committee recognize the CCSS for what it is– an inappropriate overreach to standardize and control the education of our children so they will conform to a preconceived “normal,” and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Republican National Committee and the Martin County Republican Executive Committee reject 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 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, with any person or entity other than schools or education agencies within the state, and finally

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the 2012 Republican Party Platform specifically states the need to repeal the numerous federal regulations which interfere with State and local control of public schools, (p36)³; and therefore, the Republican National Committee and the Martin County Republican Executive Committee reject this CCSS plan which creates and fits the country with a nationwide straitjacket on academic freedom and achievement.

AMENDMENT FROM THE FLOOR” Resolved to present the resolution to members of the Martin County School Board. (Omitted from original printed resolution. Correction made 6.11.13 per the minutes of the 5.13.13 meeting)

Approved and adopted this 13th Day of May 2013, at a meeting of the members in Stuart, Martin County, Florida.

I, the undersigned Chairperson, representing the entire membership, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Martin County Republican Executive Committee.

Dated: May 13, 2013

Kathleen A. Boland, Chair

Martin County Republican Executive Committee

Original signed by Kathleen A. Boland, Chairman

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¹ www.corestandards.org

² Federal Law 20 USC 1232a-Sec. 1232a. and (ESEA) Pub.L. 89-10, 79 Stat. 27, 20 US.C. ch. 70.
<http://us-code.vlex.com/vid/prohibition-against-federal-control-19195093>

³ http://www.gop.com/rnc_counsel/