

COMMON CORE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, adoption of the Common Core Standards

- Obliterates Kansas's control over English language arts and mathematics standards in our schools;
- Implicates the state in an unconstitutional and illegal transfer of power to the federal government and unaccountable private interests;
- Commits our state to a set of mediocre standards based on questionable philosophies; and
- Imposes an enormous unfunded mandate on our state and on our local school districts; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the Common Core Standards was accomplished without meaningful input from, or even effective notice to, Kansas parents, teachers, and other taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, administration of the SMARTER Balanced assessments aligned with Common Core will subject Kansas students to burdensome new testing requirements and will unfairly tie teachers' evaluations to the scores on the assessments; and

WHEREAS, the scheme that includes the Common Core Standards and the SMARTER Balanced assessments will require the collection and sharing of massive amounts of personal student data, thus threatening student and family privacy and serving no legitimate academic purpose;

RESOLVED, that the Kansas Republican Party insist that our state leaders should

- withdraw the state from the Common Core Standards and aligned assessments;
- prohibit adoption of any standards that require the state to cede any measure of control over their drafting and revision, including but not limited to the Next Generation Science Standards; and
- prohibit the collection and sharing of private student data for any non-academic purpose.