

**A RESOLUTION OF
THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY STATE CONVENTION
ON RESTORING PARENTAL AUTHORITY IN PUBLIC EDUCATION**

Passed by the York County Republican Party Convention – April 11, 2015

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Republican Party State Executive Committee adopted a resolution in 2014 denouncing the Common Core Standards calling for their full repeal; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the Governor signed into law Act 200 requiring new standards be written to replace Common Core; and

WHEREAS, the final draft of the standards intended to replace Common Core were available online, without notification to parents, just twenty-four hours before the standards were scheduled for first reading by the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, at least two State Board of Education members disclosed that they had not been provided a copy of the standards intended to replace Common Core before the Board was asked to vote on them; and

WHEREAS, the standards adopted in 2015 to replace Common Core are substantially aligned with Common Core according to an analysis done by the Education Oversight Committee; and

WHEREAS, the standards adopted in 2015 to replace Common Core were reviewed by internationally recognized mathematician James Milgram, who served on the Common Core Validation Committee and he reports “the standards in K, 1, and 2, are far too difficult, but 3-6 are progressively less challenging to the point that by grade 8 they are 2 or more years behind international expectations”; and

WHEREAS, the standards adopted in 2015 intended to replace Common Core were reviewed by internationally recognized English professor Sandra Stotsky, who served on the Common Core Validation Committee and she reports “the standards don't prepare SC students for a high school diploma, never mind college”; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina Republican Party State Convention hereby resolves that our state leaders should take the following steps to strengthen parental authority for their children’s education by:

- requiring the writing process for the South Carolina ELA and math standards continues until parents are relieved of their concerns regarding untested and questionable education philosophies that originated from Common Core; and
- requiring a public hearing in each of the sixteen judicial circuits for the purpose of parental feedback before new or revised standards are considered for adoption; and
- requiring a significant number of parents, who are not employed by the education system, are included in the standards writing process; and
- requiring the Education Oversight Committee membership includes a non-educator parental appointment category that will equal the number of members in each of the other appointment categories; and
- encouraging legislators and the Governor to prioritize appointing parents who are not employed by the education system to the State Board of Education