Open Letter to Texas Governor Perry

January 2, 2012

Dear Governor Perry,

In your 2010 letter to the U.S. Department of Education Secretary Arne Duncan, you declined federal money for education. In this letter, you said:

“I will not commit Texas taxpayers to unfunded federal obligations or to the adoption of unproven, cost-prohibitive national curriculum standards and tests.”

Your letter stated that your interest was more in preserving our state sovereignty over matters concerning education and shielding local schools from unwarranted federal intrusion into local district decision.

Under a cloak of being a service to Texas education, nineteen of the state education service centers (ESCs) collaborated to develop and sell an instruction product to Texas schools. This material was introduced in 2006 under the name of CSCOPE. This same year, the Texas Association of School Administrators, TASA, launched its education transformation proposal for Texas. TASA and the ESCs have openly shown their support of Linda Darling Hammond, who was instrumental in developing the Federal Education Common Core Standards that you oppose.

Since and maybe before 2006, the ESCs and TASA have been working in opposition to the education objectives that you and TEA support. It is no wonder that the Texas SAT scores are low. The state education system has set standards, but TASA and CSCOPE control what is being taught in the schools.

Texas teachers, parents, and children need your help in removing CSCOPE from our schools and providing some regulatory action for administrators that do not provide instruction materials that supports every element of the TEKS for every subject.

Sincerely,

Janice VanCleave
conference is your professional how-to toolkit, focusing on four major themes:

- Common Core and its Assessments;
- Teacher and Principal Evaluations;
- Preparing Students to be College-, Career-, and Life-Ready; and
- Social Media in our Schools.

Featured speakers include Linda Darling-Hammond, Deb Delisle (invited), Jim Collins, and Yong Zhao, along with a host of exciting Thought Leaders. As always, Texas attendees will gather during the conference for our annual Texas Reception and Texas Breakfast. Join us in the City of Angels for this truly inspiring professional learning opportunity!

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