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Subject: Removal of The Bluest Eye
Date: January 27, 2022 at 4:55:36 PM CST

Hello All,

I have NO INTENTIONS of changing my mind. This is a SUBJECT MATTER that I had been dealing with for the last 9 years. I am not going to be intimidated by any group who supports this "TRASH" being shown to OUR MINOR CHILDREN!

BUT I DO HAVE ANOTHER QUESTION AFTER READING THIS LETTER FROM NCAC.ORG...this is on page 2, last full paragraph:

"In addition, The Bluest Eye is listed as an exemplar text by the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts & Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects, "

Everytime I have ever even uttered the words "Common Core" , I have always been corrected & told by some in our ADMINISTRATION...."We don't have Common Core....We have the "Missouri Learning Standards"SO WHICH IS IT?

So here's the history lesson from someone who was there!.....

Unfortunately, back in 2009 COMMON CORE HAD BEEN IMPLEMENTED INTO OUR WSD SCHOOLS....IN 2013 WHEN THE STATE BOARD CAME TO OUR DISTRICT FOR A VOTE "FOR IMPLEMENTING THE COMMON CORE PROGRAM" that they publicly stated had been put into our Missouri schools, I asked then "Why are you here tonight (April of 2013) asking for MY VOTE WHEN YOU NEEDED A "BOARD VOTE" IN 2009?! Common Core was then implemented in lieu of the "NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND" program as 50 STATES & 3 TERRITORIES were give a 'WAIVER" and NO PENALTY for not being COMPLIANT with that program due to the downturn of our economy! I VOTED "NO"!

In 2014, there was another vote regarding the IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CURRICULUM OF COMMON CORE.....again, I voted NO. And by 2014, Kenny Mayer was on the Board & voted with me. He ran for the board for these EXACT same reasons of sexually explicit book &/or videos that he refused to allow his son to see!

Common Core received NO VOTE OF ANY STATE LEGISLATURE OR ANY SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE PROGRAM THAT WAS IMPLEMENTED IN 2009.....I PRESUME

THE STATE SCHOOL BOARDS & THE GOVERNORS OF EACH STATE PUSHED IT THRU TO SAVE THE FINANCIAL BUDGETS OF THEIR STATES as the economy was plummeting downward. Over several years, states began to BAN this program and I believe it was in 2014 when the State of Missouri began to dismantle it as it morphed into "The Missouri Learning Standards".....which according to this ".org" letter deems COMMON CORE is alive & well! The State Board of Education was told of how the committees would be formed & to keep their hands off....BUT needless to say, that was a joke to them....and thus, we still have the elements of "common core" in our curriculum today.

On Thu, Jan 27, 2022 at 10:57 AM Betsy Bates <betsybates@wsdr4.org> wrote:
Board -

Please find attached a letter from the National Coalition Against Censorship that I was asked to share. If you have any questions, or are interested in reconsideration of the decision as requested please let me know.

Thank you,

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----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Gordon Danning** <gordon@ncac.org>
Date: Thu, Jan 27, 2022 at 10:03 AM
Subject: Removal of The Bluest Eye
To: <betsybates@wsdr4.org>

Dear Ms. Bates:

The National Coalition Against Censorship is an alliance of national nonprofit organizations which advocates for freedom of expression, including freedom of