



The MA affiliate of ASCD ([www.MASCD.org](http://www.MASCD.org)) is concerned about House 3929, “An Act Relative to Ending Common Core Education Standards” which is designed to rescind “the vote taken by the Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education on July 21, 2010, to adopt the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics and English Language Arts ... The Board of Elementary and Secondary Education would be prohibited from approving any curriculum frameworks unless the (three) review committees first decide by a two-thirds vote that the frameworks are equivalent to the standards of the most educationally advanced nations as determined by the Trends in International Mathematics and Sciences Study.”

The proposed law would also require that, each year, the Commissioner publicly release all test items, including questions, constructed responses, and essays, for each grade and for every subject. The proposed law states that, if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

The constant revision of the standards schools must adhere to is creating an undue burden on teachers, administrators and parents to constantly alter their practice and adopt new instructional materials. Teachers have expressed their frustration with second guessing and decision-making by non educators.

MA has proven that it is performing its education function better than many other states. The United States is one nation and all students should be striving to achieve the same standards regardless if which state they live in. MASCD supports the BESE’s 2010 decision.

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