

The Education agenda for the 2014 legislative session significantly focused on the derailment of Common Core State Standards and PARCC, the assessment tool which was developed by educators of some 14 states, including Louisiana.

Citizens for 1 Greater New Orleans supports Common Core State Standards, which are more rigorous and require critical thinking. Our students will be keeping pace with students across the nation and will be prepared to compete nationally and globally.

These standards are goals that will raise expectations for what students should be learning in math and English.

Student progress and achievement will be measured against students nationwide.

Common Core State Standards were adopted by the Louisiana State Legislature in 2010. Louisiana joined 46 other states in adopting these standards, which were not developed by the federal government, but at the request of the governors.

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HB 1-Amendment-Geyman- (HB 380- Geyman-required funding approval to spend money on PARCC or any other similar national test) stated “no fund appropriated herein to State Activities shall be expended for contracts for college and career readiness testing unless the Department of Education has issues a Request for Proposal for such contract in accordance with the Request for Proposal process”.

Position/Outcome: Citizens for 1 opposed this amendment which would deny funding for testing unless the DOE issues an RFP – passed in House, was not heard in the Senate.

HB 127- Provided for the election of the state Superintendent of Education

Position/Outcome: CF1 opposed this bill. It failed in the House.

HB 381- Geyman- Created a Student Standards Commission to develop state standards for required subjects for public school students.

Position/Outcome: CF1 opposed this bill. It failed in the House Education Committee.

HB 556-Henry- Prohibited implementation of Common Core State Standards and provides for implementation of prior standards.

Position/Outcome: CF1 opposed this bill. It failed in the House Education Committee.

HB 953-Leger- Would delay the impact of Common Core State Standards and PARCC testing on school and teacher accountability until 2016-2017.

Position/Outcome: CF1 did not take a position on this bill. The Governor vetoed HB 953.

HB 1271-Leger- Provided allocations of certain local tax revenue to building renovation and replacement purposes in certain school districts.

Position/Outcome: CF1 supported this bill (previously HB 941) that was signed by the Governor and became Act 543