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## Commissioner Rothschild and Commissioner Frazier comment on Delegate Krebs' Attorney General Opinion

Westminster, MD October 22, 2014 - In response to inquiries about a Common Core opinion solicited from the Attorney General's Office by Delegate Susan Krebs, Commissioner Richard Rothschild and Commissioner Robin Bartlett Frazier issued the following statement:

We generally appreciate Delegate Krebs for her initiative. This inquiry, however, was unnecessary and potentially counterproductive. We already know the laws and knew the Attorney General's Office would respond the way they did.

While we respect the Attorney General's opinion, the fact is, across America and in Maryland, there is a growing bipartisan movement to force Common Core out of our schools. We do not want this limited opinion to discourage concerned parents and teachers.

There are a variety of steps that can be taken, including legal, constitutional, legislative, and/or parental actions. Ironically, general counsel for the U.S. Department of Education has already made a statement to the effect that the federal government simply paid others to do that which is already prohibited by federal law.

During testimony on Common Core-related issues during the Legislative Session, it was quite obvious that Maryland parents and teachers alike want Common Core repealed. There are always ways to win provided we demonstrate determination and conviction and use the many avenues available to us.

We encourage all concerned citizens to stay involved with the effort to restore parental control to local education by continuing the fight against Common Core.

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