Michigan Senate Bill 826:
Replace Common Core with pre-2011 Massachusetts Standards

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Editor’s note:

Interested in academic standards and assessments proven to raise student achievement? You won’t get that from the Common Core Standards and their associated consortium tests, PARCC and SBAC. Despite the boisterous hype of higher, deeper, richer, more rigorous, and so on, there exists no valid evidence to support their claims of higher quality, achievement, or college readiness.

There is a set of state standards and assessments, however, proven through actual experience to have raised academic achievement for students at all levels and in all curricular pathways: those used in Massachusetts from 2000 to 2011. So, why not use them?

Such a proposal was recently proposed, and passed, by the Michigan Senate Education Policy Committee. Here, we provide links to Sandra Stotsky’s testimony before that committee, along with other relevant links:

Sandra Stotsky’s testimony

Michigan Senator Patrick Colbeck’s announcement

Dr. Sandra Stotsky on “Live with Renk”, News Talk Radio WBCK [audio file]

Bill, bill summary, & current progress of Michigan Senate Bill 0826 (2016)

All testimonies (from the drop-down menus, choose “Education” from Senate Committees and “Apr 26, 2016” from Available Meeting Dates

Audio files (testimony on Bill 0826 starts at about 25:30; you can adjust the volume by clicking on the symbol at right)