

RESOLUTION 2014-10

RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT GOVERNOR BILL HASLAM AND THE TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORT HB 2332 AND SB 2405 THAT SEEK TO AMEND TITLE 49 OF THE TENNESSEE CODE RELATIVE TO EDUCATION TO REPEAL THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMON CORE STANDARDS IN TENNESSEE SCHOOL SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, the decision to adopt Common Core State Standards in Tennessee was made by the Governor and the State Board of Education on July 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee legislature and local education agencies and local boards of education, including Bradley County, committed to the implementation of Common Core Standards through the Race to the Top Application and Grant Award; and

WHEREAS, the Bradley County Commission values the quality of education for every Bradley County student and recognizes the importance of teaching certain values to all Bradley County students; and

WHEREAS, the transition to Common Core is being implemented in school year 2013-2014 for all students in Bradley County, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Bradley County Commission is opposed to the implementation of Common Core Standards in Bradley County Schools for the following reasons: an increased and unwanted federal involvement in education, the unknown cost (the Fordham Institute estimates between \$1 billion and \$8.3 billion for implementation, while the Pioneer Institute estimates \$16 billion), the increased emphasis on standardized testing, concerns regarding the moral teachings included in the curriculum, concern that private companies can potentially access student data and personal information standardized under the Common Core, and concern that the funding provided by wealthy non-profits amounts to lobbying.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bradley County Legislative Body, meeting in regular session, on this 18th day of February, 2014, that the Bradley County Commission requests that Governor Bill Haslam and the Tennessee General Assembly support HB 2332 and SB 2405 that seek to amend Title 49 of the Tennessee Code relative to Education to Repeal the implementation of Common Core Standards in Tennessee school systems, including Bradley County Schools.

ADOPTED this 18th day of Februar	ry 2014.	
Louie Alford, Chairman		
Donna A. Simpson, County Clerk		
APPROVE/VETO:		
D. Gary Davis, County Mayor		