

## Common Core Forum

**August 2, 9-11am at The Brand New Church  
(1827 W. Grovers Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85203)**

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Dr. Sandra Stotsky, leading expert on the Common Core Standards, will be speaking to us at this Common Core forum along with two Arizona candidates running in 2014:



**Dr. Sandra Stotsky**— She was a member of the Common Core Validation Committee who would not sign off on the Common Core Standards. Dr. Stotsky is credited with developing one of the country's strongest sets of academic standards for K-12 students as well as the strongest academic standards and licensure tests for prospective teachers while serving as Senior Associate Commissioner in the Massachusetts Department of Education from 1999-2003. She is also known nation-wide for her in-depth analyses of the problems in Common Core's English language arts standards. Her current research ranges from the deficiencies in teacher preparation programs and teacher licensure tests to the deficiencies in the K-12 reading curriculum and the question of gender bias in the curriculum.



**Diane Douglas**— She is a candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction— Head of the Arizona Department of Education. Diane Douglas' formal education consists of an Associate Degree in Business from Somerset County College and a Bachelor's of Science in Business/Marketing from Rutgers University. She served as a board member of the Peoria Unified School District from 2005-2012 and as President of the Peoria School Board from 2008-2009. She has studied the history of the American education system and the federal's government's ever increasing intrusion into our local control since the early 1990's. She understands state's rights and why it is *so* important to have "local control over education." (<http://dianedouglas.com>)



**Frank Riggs**— He is a candidate for Governor of Arizona. For the past 16 years, Frank Riggs has been a leader in Arizona and nationally in the effort to expand parental school choice, and reform and improve K-12 education- both as a U.S. Congressman and as the CEO of the largest nonprofit dedicated to helping public charter schools finance and build facilities. The conservative Heritage Foundation said, "Representative Riggs spearheaded many cutting edge initiatives like school choice and charter schools." Riggs has promised to *repeal* Arizona's participation in Common Core; to protect local control of standards and assessments, parental rights, and charter school autonomy; and to reassert Arizona's state sovereignty and responsibility for K-12 education. (<http://riggsforazgov.com>)

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We are collecting donations to pay for travel arrangement for Dr. Stotsky, Dr. Milgram and Ze'ev Wurman for both Common Core Forums— at The Brand New Church and The Burke Basic School. Please contact Jennifer Reynolds to donate through PayPal ([arizonaschoolchoice@cox.net](mailto:arizonaschoolchoice@cox.net)) or by check written to "Arizonans Against Common Core." She can also be reached by phone at 480-961-4214. **Please RSVP for this event as seating is limited.** Thank you!

