

## Comments from MCTM Opposition to Michigan HB 4192

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- Thanks
- This is ridiculous!
- Go MCTM!
- What education needs more than anything in Michigan is rigor and stability. Changing the standards/assessment/legislation again just undermines the cause.
- Standards are only one piece of the educational landscape and they contribute only partly to the success of students. The journey that Massachusetts took to gain a foothold at the top of the nation involved far more than a set of standards (e.g. school funding changes, training, differences in demographics). An examination of this journey would likely lead to a conclusion consistent with the idea that supporting what we have properly would parallel the journey Massachusetts took. Michigan has made great strides over the past six years, we should not throw it all away.
- Adopting the former MA standards is not sensible. Our current standards are founded upon research of how students build lasting understanding of concepts and proficiency with application of skills. Hundreds of millions of dollars have been invested in supporting our current standards in training and materials.
- Michigan should not be adopting standards and testing from another state that were used for a year and then discarded.
- Please reconsider
- This change would set us back about a decade of work and would create unneeded countless hours of trying to learn yet another set of standards. The proposed standards were moved away from by Massachusetts, why would we want to adopt them? Our current standards were developed by representatives from our state and some of the best minds in education to date. Please respect the educated voice of those who work with the standards on a daily basis before making a political decision (for the sake of politics) on this topic. Michigan's students deserve to have their needs put first - please do what is right for them and do not change our state standards.
- none
- Teachers need to be able to continue the good work they have already put in place adjusting to new standards and assessments.
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- Please do not let this go through.
- opposed
- The current high school curriculum has rigor and prepares students for college. We need to stop changing the learning targets every few years!
- I have no further comment at this time.

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- If Massachusetts has abandoned their standards, why would we use standards for Michigan students that were not either developed in Michigan or nationally. These standards were abandoned for a reason. Michigan students deserve better than the "cast offs" from another state.
- Why use something that has been abandoned in another state? Why weren't teachers asked to share input and expertise?
- I am in opposition.
- Please do not support this bill!
- The state board of education, the body with responsibility for determining standards and oversight of K-12 education, should not be overruled on this matter.
- A movement to Massachusetts standards would be an incredible set back for Michigan. We have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on professional learning and resources and are finally in a place that teachers have a stronger understanding of what instruction should include. To start this process all over again would mean we need to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on professional learning and resources to get teachers ready to teach the new standards. In addition, the populations of Michigan versus Massachusetts vary significantly when you compare their overall socio economical status of the state Michigan has a larger lower socioeconomic population than Massachusetts. It is important to note the high correlation between lower performance and lower socioeconomic status.
- Y MASS???
- Changing to standards that are almost 10 years old, and thrown out 7 years ago, is a step backwards in educating our youth.
- Abolishing our current standards will force Michigan to fall further and further behind other states in student achievement.
- none
- This bill calls for replacing the current Michigan Academic Standards for K-12 Mathematics (as well as our English Language Arts, Social Studies, and our brand new Science standards). The replacement standards for mathematics would be the Massachusetts mathematics standards that were last used in 2008-2009 and were then abandoned by Massachusetts. The bill also calls for replacing our state testing with the Massachusetts tests from that era as well (which were also abandoned by Massachusetts). Michigan educators, parents, and citizens had no part or say in the development nor implementation of those Massachusetts standards nor tests.
- Districts have worked too hard to implement the current standards. Students are making gains. Why change everything now?
- Please do not pass this.

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- Our students deserve to be held to the highest standards that are currently available in order to stay competitive with the rest of the world.
- I have been involved in mathematics education since 1969, this is definitely a step backwards!
- I oppose HB 4192.
- Michigan educators, parents, and citizens had no part or say in the development nor implementation of the proposed Massachusetts standards nor tests.
- Please reconsider
- If the Massachusetts standards were chosen because Massachusetts is doing exemplary work, and if Massachusetts has replaced those standards with something else, wouldn't logic dictate looking carefully at Massachusetts's new standards to see what might have been flawed in the former ones?
- This bill is not in the best interest of our students.
- The educational successes of Massachusetts have less to do with their standards than how the state supports students, teachers, and districts in meeting the targets. Switching standards again will have a negative impact in Michigan as schools will have to go back to the drawing board for curricula and lessons. Check out the way Massachusetts supports learning instead of focusing solely on the standards. (By the way, MA currently uses the CCSS.)
- This is a terrible idea.
- I oppose HB 4192.
- House Bill 4192 will be taking giant leaps backwards! Our current state standards are moving teachers and students in unprecedented productive ways!
- Save Michigan schools
- The standards we have in place promote the in-depth thinking and problem solving we desire from each students.
- If they weren't good enough for Massachusetts, why should we settle for them?
- None
- None at this time
- Not having a good understanding of the current standards is not reason enough to replace them.
- Adopting standards and tests that the developing state has already dropped, well, makes no sense!
- Teachers have worked extremely hard to study and teach to the new standards. This includes a large amount of money spent in training and instructional resources purchased in

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districts across the state. Moreover, the current standards have many benefits like the attention to progressions of mathematical content across grades.

- "Stop changing the standards, and keep the Common Core! My teaching degree is in mathematics, and I have been a public school teacher for over 22 years. Listen to the math educators rather than following some political agenda!"
- I have devoted countless hours developing curriculum materials over the last several years that follow Common Core. Our district was finally able to afford the purchase of a new textbook that follows Common Core for our junior high students. Now the politicians are considering changing the curriculum! Give the districts a chance to fully implement Common Core for enough years to reap the benefits. It is difficult to keep aiming for a moving target."
- This bill would be a major step backwards for Michigan and its students. Massachusetts abandoned its old standards in favor of standards for ELA and math virtually identical to our current standards. Our science standards are research based and developed with input and guidance from Michigan educators and the public. Standards are only a starting point. Massachusetts far surpasses Michigan in its support for teaching and learning and has had a well thought out plan - a long term plan - for many years. They have invested for the long haul. Michigan invests when it is convenient and then only nominally. And, Michigan has a higher percentage of students living in poverty and a rather lower percent of residents with college degrees...both of which work against transplanting a model.
- Common Core and National Science Standards are the way to go.
- I oppose HB 4192
- Michigan students deserve the most up to date Standards possible. Adopting standards that Massachusetts long ago abandoned defies all reason and common sense.
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- As an educator, I support the Common Core learning standards for K-12. I do NOT support the federal government or state government making decisions on behalf of local education without proper representation from local educators, and I adamantly oppose politicians and lobbyists attempting to upturn a system as a way to prove or disprove opposing viewpoints. Please, choose a platform other than education to mess with.
- Please no
- NA
- I am in opposition to HB 4192. Why would we adopt something that another state obviously felt wasn't working?

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- I oppose the bill
- no
- none
- This would be a huge disservice to the students.
- The Common Core standards should be kept.
- Why would you want standards that Mass. has abandoned?
- Please do not do this to us, our students and our future.
- I oppose this bill.
- Why would we switch to a curriculum Michigan had no input on. Michigan had a great deal of input on common core. Continuing to change the targets are unfair to children.
- I don't understand why energy is continually wasted on the revisiting the need to modify the Educational State Standards. Michigan had a strong standing with the GLCE and HSCE, which were extensively vetted, that were similar to the Common Core State Standards in their ability to set a minimum State standard for educators to work toward. With the adoption of the CCSS, a national set of standards created by individual state leaders, gave Michigan a National level of standards that also passed extensive vetting. Why give up a vetted standard for a standard that was abandoned soon after they were accepted.
- I would need to see substantial documentation to support the adoption of a curriculum that was discontinued by it's originating state.
- First, why would you move to something that has been rejected and improved upon already by another state? Second, I believe most teachers are not quite teaching to the core yet. I know it sounds ridiculous given the time frame. I have seen a large percentage of teachers in multiple counties unaware of the mathematical practices. If you're unaware of them or what they truly mean, then how can you teach with them intertwined in your content? Our kids need this time and energy devoted not to another changeover but to improved instruction and resources. The data this group is using to suggest the standards are subpar and the tests show it is misguided. It shows that the standards are not being taught in their entirety as of yet. Thank you for your time.
- none
- If Massachusetts abandoned these philosophies, they've already been found to fail! Why put them into practice here in Michigan???
- Standards are out of date
- This bill calls for replacing the current Michigan Academic Standards for K-12 Mathematics. I do not believe that our standards need to be replaced. They are comprehensive and effective.
- Thank you

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- I appreciate that you use my vote opposing HB 4192
- Michigan educators should have input into the assessments used in their state.
- The changes in this proposed bill will be detrimental to students (in the lack of depth of understanding) and schools (in the cost of the transition). I am firmly opposed to HB 4192
- Strongly Opposed. While Massachusetts is in the process of updating their 2011 math and literacy standards and just completed the 2016 revision of their Science, Technology and Engineering Standards, this bill proposes to go back to standards developed 17 years ago (2000). Emulating a strong program is good but stepping backwards while they continue to strive for better doesn't make sense.
- Don't do this!
- I am a teacher who believes the Common Core is in the best interest of children and I also am tired of Lansing wasting our money designing and developing and purchasing tests because you cannot make up your mind and you fail to include teachers in the discussion. How about surveying educators before you make decisions about education?
- No way should we go back ten years!!!
- Please allow the professional educators who know the content to determine the content. Our students need consistency, not this half-witted - look squirrel - mentality that has become so prevalent in politics.
- none
- Please oppose this House Bill 4192!
- I oppose this bill.
- By constantly changing our standards, we have no hope of reaching any goal. Changing curriculum is not an immediate flip. It takes a great amount of time and effort, outside of time in the classroom, in order to effectively implement new standards. We need time to see Common Core through, in order to truly assess how they have worked to better educate our students. Please, as the standards have only been in place a relatively short time, please vote down HB 4192. Let us do our jobs. Thank you.
- I am in opposition to HB 4192
- N/A
- As a math teacher for 29 years, I find that the current Michigan standards are very appropriate and working well. Why would we replace our standards with those that were abandoned by another state?!!! To me, this is going backward!
- Need to put public education first
- Chasing new standards will only leave us scrambling again. We need to fully develop what we have and improve our state assessment to be something that truly allows students to see their growth from year to year and to take the assessment seriously. So many students

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see it as something that is not graded so they don't care. I have used the NWEA MAP test and found that to be very informative.

- Keep current standards.
- The Common Core and new Michigan State Standards hold our students up to high expectations. We do not need new standards! We need time to work with what we currently have which will ultimately improve the educational experience of our students.
- As a math educator, this bill is not best for students. Please keep them first in any decisions you make.
- This is a ridiculous proposal when we just getting started with new updated standards given to us just a few years ago. Why would we use a standard from another state that they themselves abandoned.
- As a middle school/high school, Science and Math teacher, I find our current standards set our students up for success as future students and citizens.
- Our current standards do not need to change. Again!
- I oppose!
- This is absolutely not in the best interest of students.
- New science standards are critical to developing student ability to engage in science practices and future success in STEM fields.
- How about something more up to date? Why doesn't MCTM have any input?
- You PROHIBIT the use of the ACT or SAT assessment - THIS MAKES NO SENSE!
- I oppose HB 4192 firmly
- We need continuity with our current standards. There is no reason to adopt a set of standards that another state does not currently use!
- Where is the research to support this change?
- Trust the professionals
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- I oppose HB 4192.
- Although I do not agree with all of Michigan Standards, I do not think that adopting standards from another state is the way to go. Especially when that state already got rid of this set of proposed standards.
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- Please listen to the teachers and people who work with and teach children on a regular basis.
- I am in opposition to HB 4192
- This bill is not in the best interest of the children of the state of Michigan.

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- The standards of the common core are very rigorous. It makes no sense to go to standards that are at least 7 years old in this world that is changing so drastically. The state of Massachusetts dropped these standards to move to the Common Core state Standards. I am always frustrated with people in the state legislature feeling that they know better than those of us on the front lines of education in the state. Were any mathematics teachers consulted with these changes? I do believe that there could be changes to the standards for high school mathematics students but this is a decision that should be in the hands of the professionals.
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- Change has not been given thought
- School districts have worked extremely hard through the years to implement our current standards. The mathematics was thoughtfully developed through the grade levels by the mathematicians who wrote them. The most impressive part of the standards was the inclusion of the mathematical practices.
- None
- To be competitive, we must do better than adopt a set of math standards that was repealed and rejected by Massachusetts almost 10 years ago.
- Keep Michigan students moving forward with current, research-based state standards and assessments.
- I am in opposition to HB 4192.
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- It is a waste of time, money, and educational resources to abandon perfectly good standards that are used by many states and turn to standards that are almost 10 years old and not even used by the state that developed them. It will also be very costly to purchase new resources to go with these outdated standards.
- Adopting new standards will only cost the state thousands of dollars to start from square one again. The Massachusetts standards are not based on research. Instead of starting all over again keep the current standards that are based on practices supported by research. Use the money that would be spent on adopting new standards on providing quality PD to teachers and educational coaches to help teachers implement the PD.
- It is an outrage to think that standards that were abandoned by a state almost a decade would be better than the standards professionals designed and the government has supported. The districts of this state are tired of the moving target. Hours and dollars are spent every year trying to understand and make sure that we are meeting your arbitrary requirements. Maybe we should just start doing what is best and ignore your standards all together since they will change the next time the snow falls.
- I am in opposition to HB 4192



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- Do not vote fore this bill.
- It is not in the best interests of Michigan students to adopt standards created and rejected by Massachusetts!
- I am in opposition to HB 4192
- This bill is not in the best interest of Michigan students and hurts education.
- This bill's contents make no sense!
- I cannot understand why we would replace the Common Core Standards and the new science standards, which we have spent the last several years implementing in our classrooms, with outdated standards from Massachusetts. Teachers have been working hard to implement the new standards and now it is proposed that they be changed before we even have a chance to see their success? This makes absolutely no sense to me.
- No comments
- Please hold our children to higher standards
- Michigan should NOT adopt old standards that have been abandoned and that do not reflect recent educational research.
- There is no reason to choose a curriculum that is no longer used by those who created it. The cost to change would be prohibitive. Why not put the cost into quality professional development for teachers, improve pay then stop hiring under qualified teachers as substitutes. Get out of the way and let educators teach!
- The current Michigan math standards are outstanding! Every day my students are making connections and becoming quality math thinkers! This is what is needed for the 21st century!
- Changing standards is a waste of money move especially when schools need more funds than we already have. In addition, all school curriculum is related to the standards and if we hope to prepare students for our current and future world, then standards from ten plus years ago is not the way to do that. Legislators should spend time looking at how to improve the current test scores rather than changing standards.
- Why would we adopt curriculum and/or tests that have been used and abandoned?
- I am a mathematics educator and oppose HB 4192
- I support Common Core's benchmarks for students as well as the freedom granted to teachers to design their own curricula.
- As parent, grandparent and retired Math Teacher I feel that abandoning the standards would again change goals that were attainable, with time wasted to develop and redo curriculum that would not benefit our children which should be our Highest priority for the future of our country
- I oppose HB 4192.

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- because it would implement an archaic curriculum and assessment that has already been abandoned by the state the created it.
- Let's stay modern and consistent with other states- not go back to standards that are almost 10 years old!
- "Michigan Standards still have local control.
- Benefits of having multi-state agreed on standards
- Focused, coherent standards instead of a random assortment of different state standards. International research indicates that Highest Performing countries on TIMSS test are focused on a small number of standards and have a coherent progression.
- Teachers will spend more time on teaching students and less time on developing curriculum or writing assessments.
- Equitable access to knowledge to all students across the country. You wouldn't want to be the best in the worst state. "
- I oppose
- Please strongly consider opposing this bill.
- Our standards now are so much better. This bill would push us back to the standards from 2008.
- I am strongly opposed to HB 4192. I am a 6th grade teacher in the public school system and have witnessed first hand the power of utilizing the Common Core curriculum. Students learn at a deeper level and become more critical thinkers when these newer standards and practices are employed. It makes zero sense for our state to adopt a curriculum and testing system that was abandoned numerous years ago by another state.
- The level of ignorance within this bill is amazing!!!
- None
- Changing standards every few years yields a great deal of confusion and extra work. The Common Core aren't perfect but if the state is going to change standards again, maybe they should consider going back to the standards Michigan had before the Common Core, not standards from Massachusetts that have been abandoned. Just let the Common Core stay in place and fix what you don't like, don't throw them out entirely!
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- Please do not accept the Mass. Math standard or testing. This is absurd!
- No comments
- This is not what is best for students.
- We need to stay current with standards, not go backwards.
- I am opposed

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- I believe it is extremely irresponsible for this bill to even be presented for a vote.
- This would be a step backward in education! We want to keep common core because it is what is best for students.
- none
- Changing the standards will not change the quality of instruction being provided to the students. What is needed is direct instruction for educators around how to provide evidence based instruction that teaches to the concepts outlined in the standards. Simply changing what the standards are won't change student outcomes.
- If MA rejected these standards why would we want them??
- The continual change in standards that you have no clue as to what they mean cause only one thing for schools, spending more money to update textbooks and supplies. Bring in a panel of current teachers who have been in the trenches doing the job of educating before you make drastic changes.
- Why should we adopt what another state has chosen to discard? The 8 math practice standards are what every teacher dreams for their students to accomplish, not only as students of math but also as productive citizens of this nation.
- Before taking this step you (and we) need more information about the MA standards and assessments to find out why they were abandoned and what they are doing instead.
- None
- It's a terrible idea. Teachers need a say in what we are teaching.
- Please do not pass HB 4192
- I do not understand why we are adopting something outdated. Where is the research behind this? In addition, was expenses even consider? Districts have adopted curriculum and bought new text books and other resources aligned to the current standards. Districts already struggling with funding would not have the money to buy new resources giving students at these districts a disadvantage.
- I believe that the Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics can better be utilized for our math curriculum in our State.
- Stick with what we have for standards. Feel free to adjust M-Step so the standards tested actually match the grade level material.
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- Why would we switch to something that has been abandoned and a clear step backwards?
- Vote no!
- Our current math standards are much better than those abandoned by Massachusetts.
- This would set us back 5 or more years as a state and as local districts. Let's get better at implementing what we do have instead of changing and starting all over.

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- Repealing the current standards in favor of outdated standards from another state demonstrates an extremely superficial understanding of the causal factors contributing to our current situation. This is the wrong simple solution to a complex problem.
- I am very concerned that this bill will dismantle the public schools.
- Vote No
- Please save this for our children.
- I am in opposition of this bill.
- I am in opposition to Bill 4192.
- Don't change the Math Curriculum, students are succeeding in Math right now.
- This bill is bad for Michigan teachers and schools, who have invested much time and resources to adopt the Common Core. We do not yet have evidence of their effectiveness, so it makes no sense to abandon these standards at this point. We need to stay the course. Additionally, adopting standards that have been dropped by another state is not sensible. I strongly oppose this bill.
- I love Common Core, why would we get rid of it?
- Keep what we have!
- Why go backwards? Is this Betsy DeVos at work too?
- As a teacher, I strive to do my best to help my special needs students. They already have much stacked against them. They need our support, not less.
- Not good
- I am against HB 4192
- The CCSS are about quality instruction. The same is true of the NGSS. Adopting standards that are almost a decade old, and currently replaced in their own state of origin Massachusetts, makes little sense. Considering recent research in learning theory, coupled with easy access to factual knowledge through technology today, our standards must promote multiple ways of knowing, investigative skills, practices of inquiry, curiosity, evidence based reasoning, and problem solving. Standards of the past simply have not met these requirements like CCSS and NGSS do, and I have seen the positive effects of Michigan's current standards in my own children, as well as in my role as an educational leader in Michigan. Please vote NO on HB 4192, and seek out additional input and guidance on the best way to move Michigan's Education System forward.
- Please do not pass this bill!
- We need to increase funding for education in Michigan!
- The current Michigan Standards are more than adequate. Changing the standards now would be disruptive in many ways for students. It would also place another financial burden on districts as they attempt to find resources to align to standards that haven't been

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in use in more than a decade. While many would agree that assessing the current standards has proved troubling, the actual content of the standards is consistent with best-practice. Has anyone compared the Massachusetts with our current standards? Is there overlap? Is there enough that is different to warrant this move? We need to move past the political nature of "Common Core" and look at what's best for students and educational professionals. Another change in standards is not what's needed right now.

- We cannot and should not adopt standards that have proven subpar. Please get input from real teachers in our schools to make these critical decisions.
- I oppose
- "If curriculum, standards, goals, and outcomes continue to be a moving target. NOBODY will have success. Most schools have spent thousands on new curriculum for students and training for staff to meet the Michigan Standards (CCSS). How would changing these standards again set teachers, administrators, and students back in their learning and mastery?
- I heard a Michigan politician ask, ""If we know what the best is, then why would we not want the best for our students?"" This is a true statement. However, there is little research and no proof that the Massachusetts framework (or any other) will be a fit or will be effective here.
- We have too many students struggling in Michigan. Please help these students in the area where they need help. The standards/outcomes are NOT the problem. If any Michigan citizen or politician would like to completely understand the true problem then I invite them to talk to teachers, talk to administrators, and spend a generous amount of time in schools and classrooms. The true cause for our students' struggles will become glaringly obvious.
- Please consider the real reason for our struggling education system by digging in and gaining a true understanding of the cause."
- Michigan teachers, educators, and parents had no say in developing this plan. It is an outdated plan that even Massachusetts NO longer uses! Do not pass HB 4192!
- Let educators decide!
- We have spent a lot of time and resources to align ourselves with CCSS. We can not go backwards if we are to move forward!

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- Why go back in time to abandoned standards?
- I am in opposition to HB 4192
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