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### **Florida Parents Against Common Core issues its first endorsement for Florida Senate.**


Miami, FL – Florida Parents Against Common Core, Florida's largest parent led organization to stop the continued implementation of Common Core in Florida schools, endorses Representative Debbie Mayfield for Florida Senate District 17.

“The decision to endorse Representative Mayfield was determined by evidence of her consistent support of not only academically sound and student-centric education policy, devoid of the toxic assessment culture so many elected officials are willing to prioritize in our public school classrooms, but we parents will forever feel grateful for the validation she gave our movement and voices at the onset of our fight with both the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) and the Florida legislature.” State Director Luz Gonzalez further states, “I first met Representative Mayfield at the Broward County Davie hearing conducted in 2013 by the FLDOE. She was the only legislator I saw in attendance engaging with parents as well as listening attentively to the concerns expressed by educators. Since then Mayfield has demonstrated a repeated and sincere commitment to bottom-up politics, in education that means respecting and championing those most affected by education policy – students, teachers, and parents. Not only did her sponsorship of HB25 in 2013 show her leadership, but it cemented her reputation as someone who will put students ahead of special interests or party leadership, at risk to her own political future.”

Florida Parents Against Common Core endorses Representative Debbie Mayfield for Florida Senate District 17 and congratulates Brevard County and Indian River County for their opportunity to have an elected official serve their communities who has outstanding credentials on protecting local control of education as well as working diligently towards legislation that serves the best academic interests of all their children.

Every child should have an individualized education plan. Not a common one.

Florida Parents Against Common Core was started by four mothers and grew into the State of Florida's largest grassroots parent organization in opposition to the continued implementation of Common Core Standards. Laura Zorc, the organization's former State and National Director from January 2013 to June 2015 served on Governor Scott's inaugural 11-member Keep Florida Learning State Committee.



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**“A Parent Led Initiative to Stop Common Core”**