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## **Lt. Col. Allen West slams Common Core**

In an address “Restoring the Republic: Restoring Truth and Integrity in American Electoral Politics” to an audience of 600 in St. Louis, Lt. Col. Allen West called Common Core “the manifestation of collective progressivism in education”. At the Constitutional Coalition’s 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Educational Policy Conference, Col. West brought the audience to their feet in his clear condemnation of Common Core during his keynote speech to the group last Friday. This year’s annual meeting at the Hilton Hotel in St. Louis brought together interested attendees from 33 States.

Col. West said America’s children lag behind children in many parts of the world in educational achievement and that Washington thinks it can fix the problem. He pointed out that “states are fighting tooth and nail against President Obama’s newest educational experiment which we all know as Common Core....and that Common Core is rotten to the core. DC bureaucrats believe that education decisions are best made in DC and are telling parents all across America to butt out of your child’s education.”

The State of Florida was well represented at the Conference with attendees from Jacksonville, Ocala, and SW Florida. Randy Osborne, Director of Education at Florida Eagle Forum, who attended the conference said, “Col. West was exactly right in his emphasis on local control of our schools being the right answer to our problem. Individuality and creativity nurtured by teachers and parents on a local basis has been proven successful over the years.”

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