

**The following quotes are from a Keynote Speech given on Jan.31, 2014, by Lt. Col. Allen West at the Education Policy Conference in St. Louis, MO.**

**“Restoring the Republic: Restoring Truth and Integrity in American Electoral Politics”**

“We have institutionalized insanity in our schools. DC bureaucrats believe that educational decisions are best made in DC and are telling parents all across America to butt out of your child’s education.”

“Ongoing dual purpose of Dept of Ed seems to be:  
(1) Don’t ever interrupt the money flow from government, rather add to it  
(2) Seize as much decision making power as possible and regulate at every opportunity, for they, not you, are deciding the standards.”

“States are fighting tooth and nail against President Obama’s newest educational experiment which we all know as Common Core....and 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.”

“Common Core is a top down national curriculum, the culmination of what the progressives have pushed for many years.”

“Common Core is the manifestation of collective progressivism in education---it treats every student exactly the same and does not allow for the gifted student to advance.”

“The end game is to establish federal control over what our children learn and effectively remove local control of curriculum.”

“Standardization is the enemy of intergrity.”

“The answer to education in America is to elevate teachers, parents and children and remove the unions.”

“Let’s put Common Sense into our curriculum, not Common Core.”