



Common Core Standards

Serious Concerns

Status



- MI State Board of Education adopted Common Core Standards for Math and Language Arts in June 2010
- The FY14 budget blocked MI Department of Education funding for common core activities pending legislative review of program
- During the Fall of 2013, the legislature removed the Common Core constraint on MI Department of Education funding
- Legislature currently reviewing assessment tool options
- Smarter Balance Consortium pilot launched this Spring
- Assessment tool RFP pending for Spring 15 and beyond

Key Proponent Claims

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- Common Core Standards are “higher standards”
- Common Core Standards will yield better student performance

Key Issues



- There is no objective evidence that Common Core Standards are likely to improve student performance
- The adoption of Common Core Standards will result in an accountability “vacation” of at least four years at a time when accountability is more important than ever
- The implementation of Common Core Standards will divert more than \$535M away from the classrooms and into administration or professional development

Higher Performance Myth

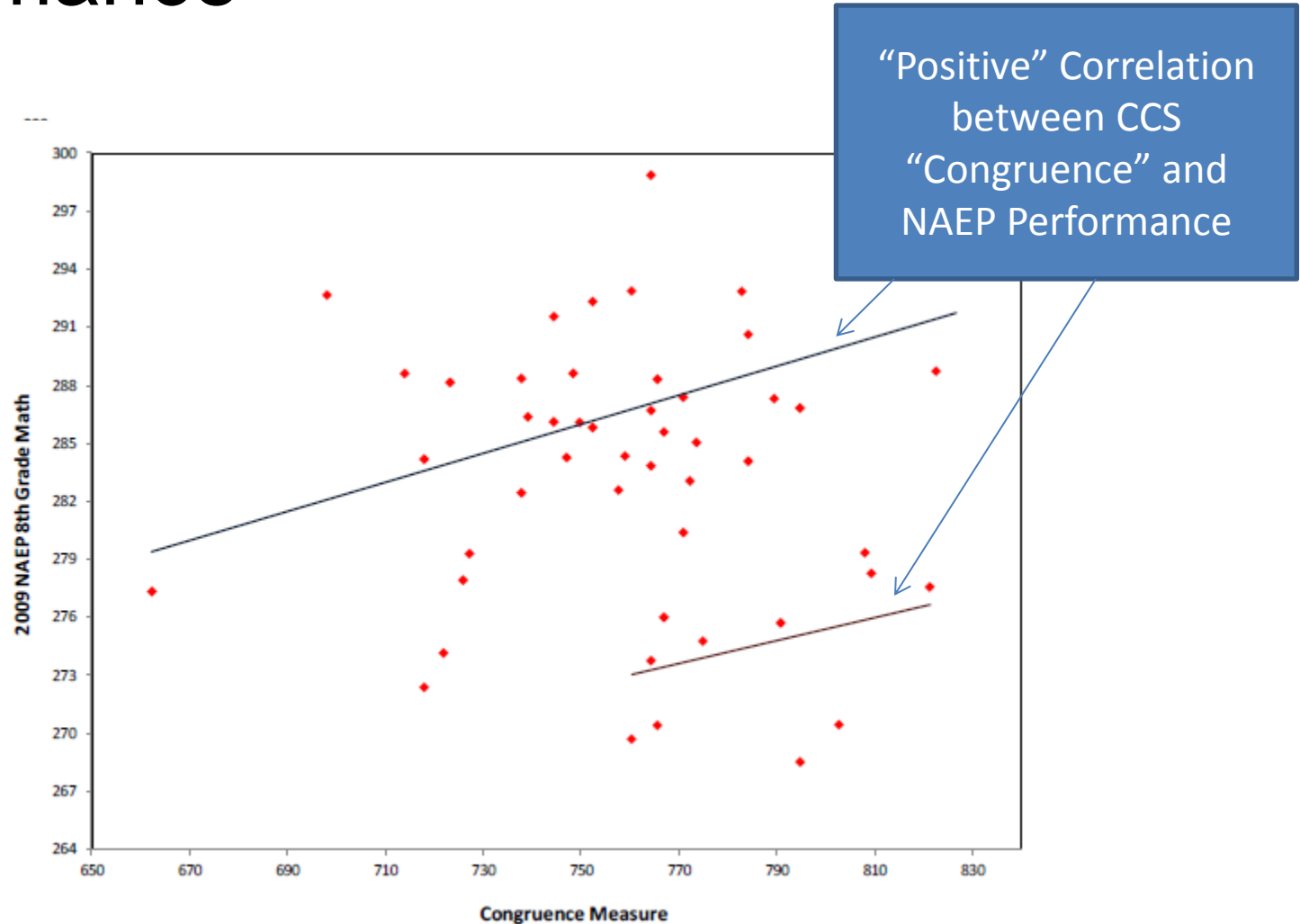
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“Unfortunately determining the relationship between these new standards and achievement will take several years at the very least.”

- *Curricular Coherence and the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics*, **William H. Schmidt** and Richard T. Houang, Michigan State University

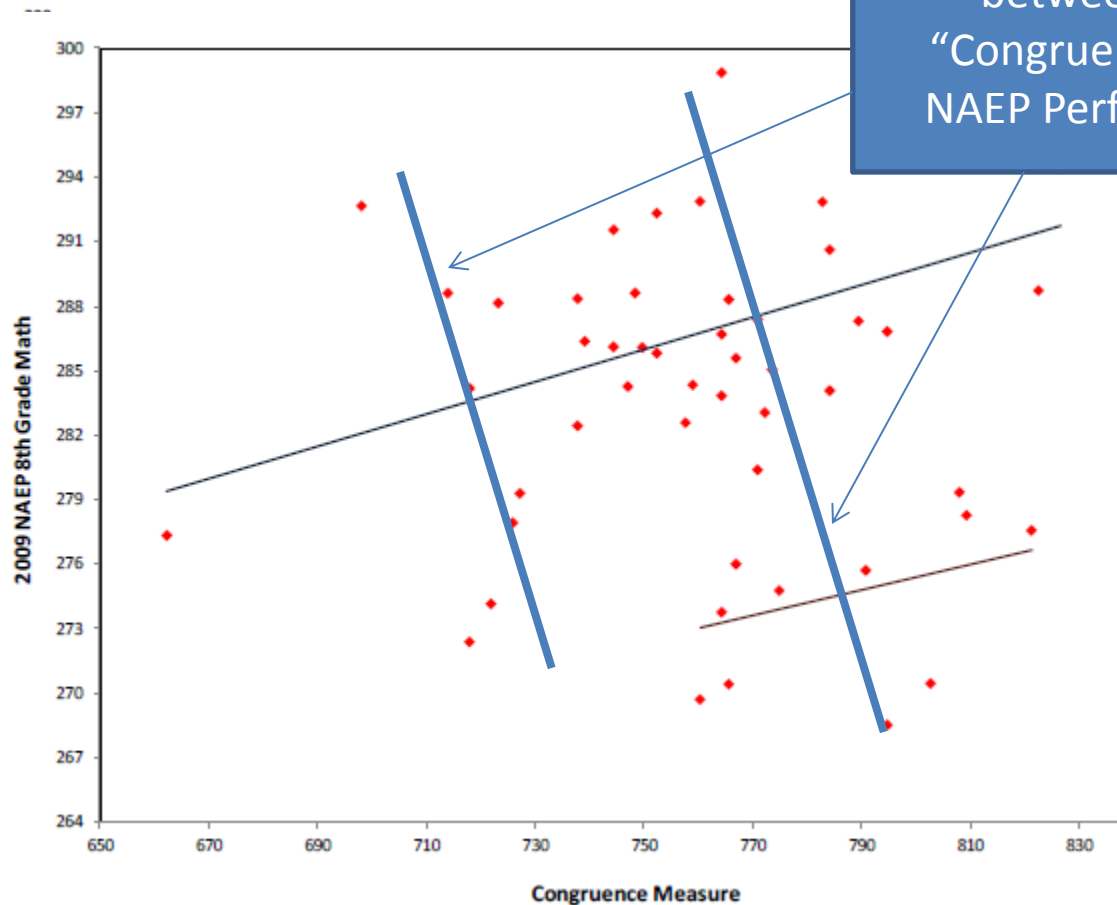
“Evidence” of Higher Performance



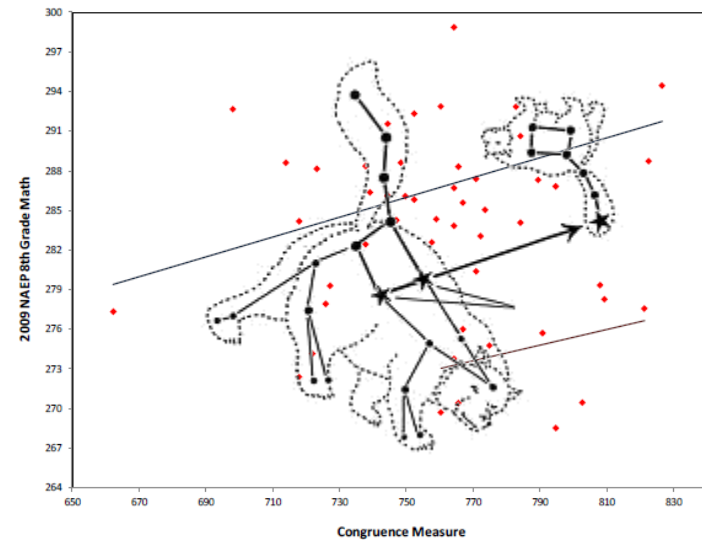
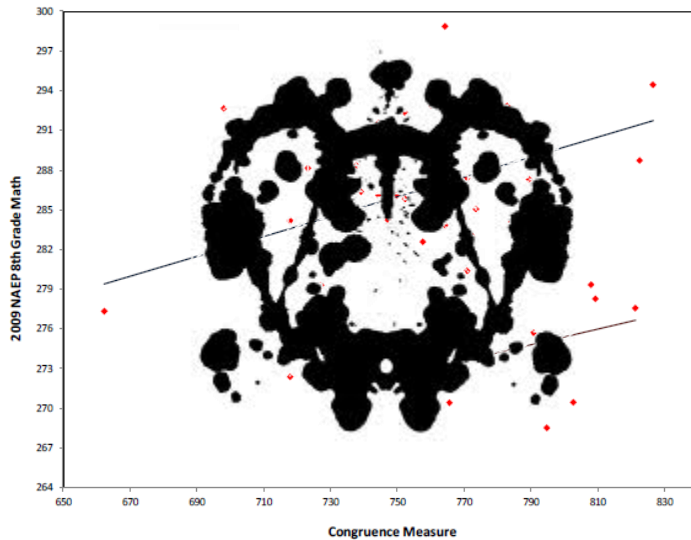
“Evidence” of Lower Performance



“Negative” Correlation
between CCS
“Congruence” and
NAEP Performance



Additional interpretations of performance “data”



Common Core Exodus



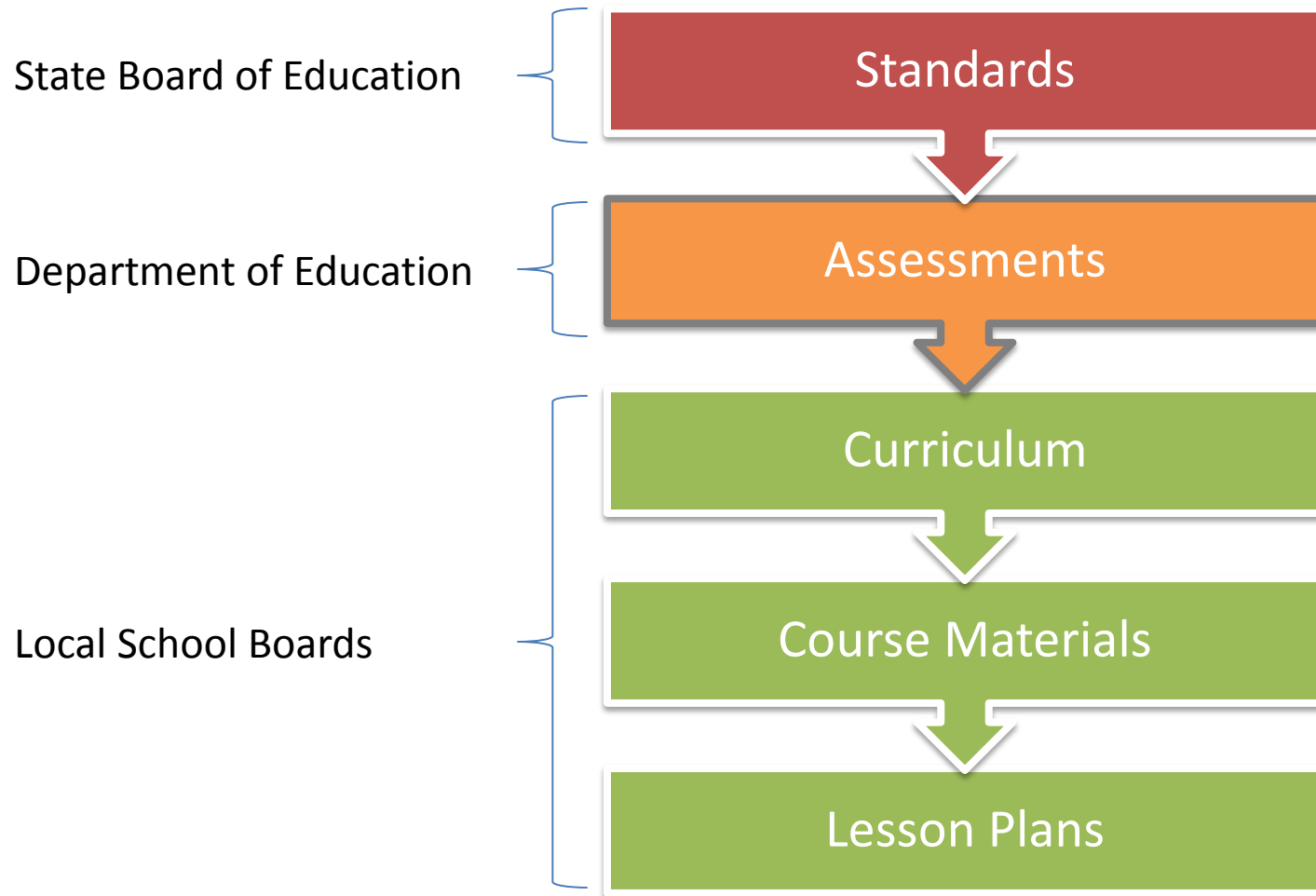
- Initially, only TX and AK opted out
- Alabama: Formally adopted; repeal legislation introduced in upper and lower houses, February, 2013
- Georgia: Formally adopted; withdrew from associated test, July 2013
- Indiana: Formally adopted; repeal legislation passed in State Senate; implementation suspended by law and under public review.
- Kansas: Formally adopted; defunding legislation passed Senate, narrowly failed in House, July, 2013
- Minnesota: Adopted (English standards only, math standards rejected)
- Nebraska: Initiative member (will not adopt)
- Oklahoma: Formally adopted; tentatively withdrew from associated test, July 2013
- Virginia: Initiative member (will not adopt)

SOURCE: Wikipedia

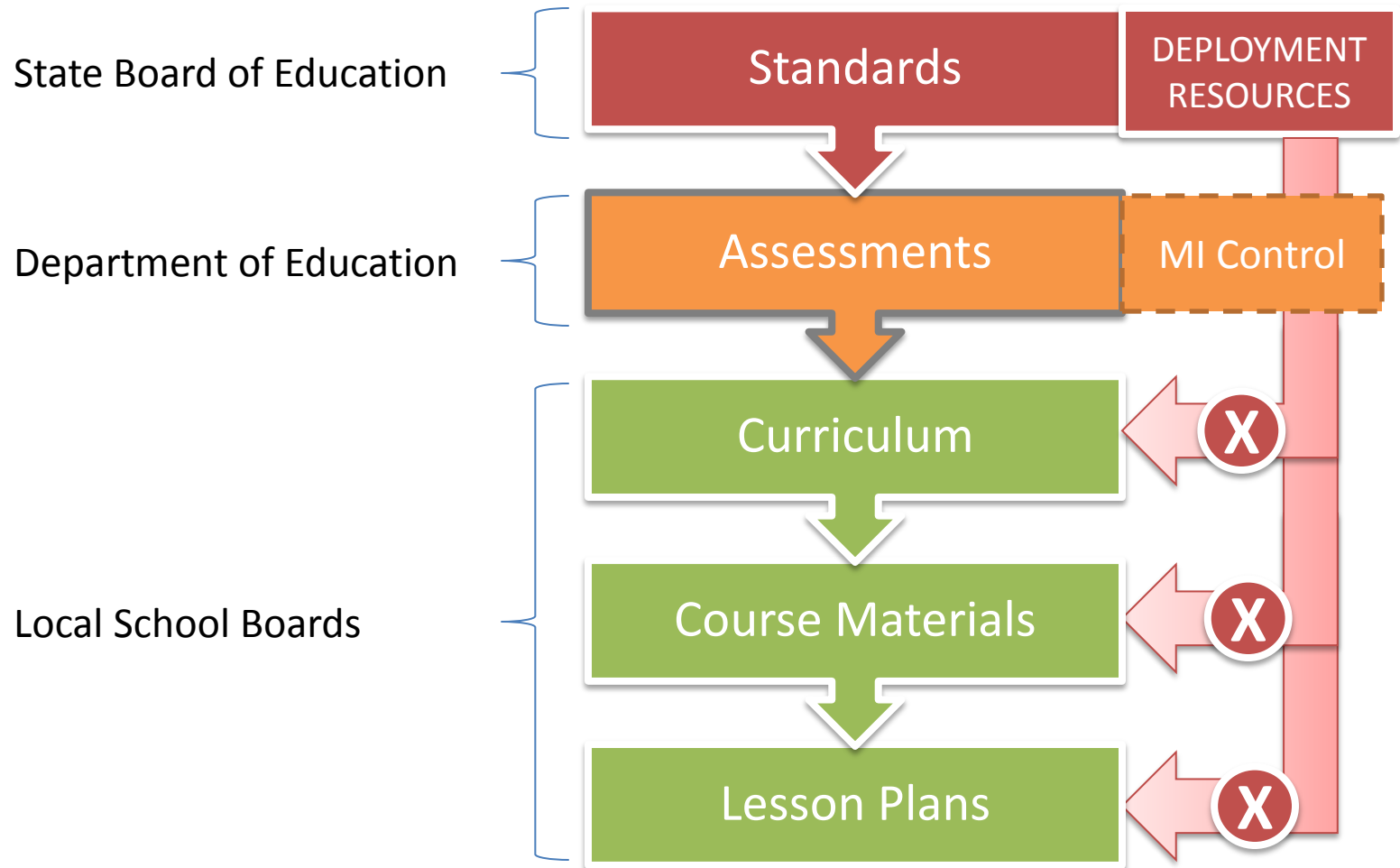


WHAT'S NEXT?

Education System Model



Local Control Firewall



Upcoming Milestones



- Authorization of FY15 MI Department of Education Budget [Legislature, Governor]
- Issuance of Assessment Tool RFP [MI Department of Education]
- Adoption of “Next Generation” Science and Social Studies Standards [MI State Board of Education]

How to help



- Gather and share Michigan examples of Common Core instruction
- Share your perspective with the State Board of Education, Legislators and Governor's Office



BACKUP

Implementation Costs

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- \$180M Professional Development
- \$95M Textbooks and Material Costs
- \$260M Multi-Year Technology Costs

SOURCE: Pioneer Institute for Public Policy Research