



## AGENDA

### Town Hall Forum

August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014

6:00 PM

**Courtyard Marriott**

30 Shaner Drive  
Bridgeport, WV

**5:30 pm    Doors Open**

**6:00 pm    Reception**

**6:30 pm    Legislative  
Introductions**

Mike Queen, Former President,  
Harrison County School Board,  
Candidate for WV State Senate  
[michaellqueen@aol.com](mailto:michaellqueen@aol.com)

**6:35 pm    Welcome**

Senator Donna Boley  
Member, WV Senate, District 3  
[dnboley@mail.wvnet.edu](mailto:dnboley@mail.wvnet.edu)

**6:40 pm    Speaker Introduction**

Angie Summers  
WV Against Common Core  
[wvstopcc@gmail.com](mailto:wvstopcc@gmail.com)

**6:45 pm    Speaker**

Dr. Sandra Stotsky  
Professor of Education Emerita,  
University of Arkansas, and  
Former Member of the Common  
Core Validation Committee

**7:30 pm    Questions & Answers**



## *Featured Speaker*

Sandra Stotsky is professor of education *emerita* at the University of Arkansas, where she held the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Chair in Teacher Quality. She served as Senior Associate Commissioner at the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education from 1999-2003, where she was in charge of developing or revising all the state's K-12 standards, teacher licensure tests, and teacher and administrator licensure regulations. She served on the Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education from 2006-2010 (appointed by then Governor Mitt Romney), on the National Mathematics Advisory Panel (appointed by Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings), from 2006-2008, and on the Common Core Validation Committee (recommended by Massachusetts Commissioner of Education Mitchell Chester), from 2009-2010. She was one of the five members of the Validation Committee who would not sign off on the standards as being internationally benchmarked, rigorous, or research-based. She was also editor of the premier research journal, *Research in the Teaching of English*, published by the National Council of Teachers of English, from 1991 to 1997. She has published extensively in professional journals and written several books.

She did undergraduate work at the University of Michigan and completed a doctorate in reading research and reading instruction at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. She was an active citizen in Brookline for many years, serving as president of its League of Women Voters several decades ago. She was an elected Town Meeting Member for 10 years and an elected library trustee for 14 years. She also served on many school-search and selectmen-appointed committees.



**Dr. Sandra  
Stotsky**

# *What Can You Do?*



- ✓ Educate.
  - Do your research – read and listen to all you can about Common Core. This document contains a large list of resources on how to get started:  
[http://freedomworks.org.s3.amazonaws.com/files/pdfs/WWNC\\_Action\\_Plan.pdf](http://freedomworks.org.s3.amazonaws.com/files/pdfs/WWNC_Action_Plan.pdf)
  - Sign up to receive information from Common Core groups/Facebook groups:
    - WV Against Common Core:  
<http://wvagainstcommoncore.wvconstitutionaladvocates.com/>
    - WV Against Common Core Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/WV-Against-Common-Core/359684890815537>
    - Truth in American Education: <http://truthinamericaneducation.com/>
- ✓ Connect and network with other family members, friends, community members, and school board officials locally and begin asking questions, sharing ideas and getting everyone involved and on the same page. These actions include:
  - Write letters to the editor of local newspapers. A list of WV newspapers can be found here: <http://wvsba.org/news/index.html>
  - Call your local school board members/attend board meetings and tell them your concerns.
  - Contact the WV Board of Education: <https://wvde.state.wv.us/boe/>
  - Contact your State Superintendent: <http://wvde.state.wv.us/superintendent/>
- ✓ Get involved in politics at the local and state level.
  - Call your State Legislators and tell them your concerns about common core. A list of WV state and federal legislators can be found here:  
<http://www.wv.gov/Pages/your-government.aspx>
  - Call your Governor, contacts details are found here:  
<http://www.governor.wv.gov/Pages/contact.aspx>
- ✓ Take care of your children!
  - Pay attention to every paper that is sent home from school with your child. Read and ask questions of your Principal, Superintendent, and school board.
  - Consider checking out other education alternatives for your child (homeschooling/online education, etc.)