



Money behind Walker's policy shift

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Have you been wondering why Gov. Scott Walker is suddenly bent on eliminating Common Core educational standards, when the issue has not been raised by a groundswell of Wisconsin citizens?

Follow the money.

Eliminating Common Core is a major initiative of at least four national conservative organizations, according to U. S. News and World Report (February 27, 2014). Those organizations are Americans for Prosperity, FreedomWorks, The Cato Institute and The Heritage Foundation. The first three are Koch Brothers organizations.

The Koch Brothers have contributed gobs of money to Walker's various campaigns, and he is obligated to do their bidding.

Now Walker adds hypocrisy to his list of sins. He has TV ads saying he wants Wisconsin's education standards to come from Wisconsin citizens, when the very reason he is raising the issue is subservience to his wealthy out-of-state friends.

Our governor should be focusing on issues important to the people of Wisconsin and spend less time and less of our tax dollars trying to please his obscenely wealthy New York and Kansas friends.