

Motion: Whereas the Oakland School Board declares that District superintendents participation in meetings of California Office to Reform Education (CORE) is a conflict of interest, it is in violation of the Board's policy to participate in California Office to Reform Education (CORE) meetings.

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California Office To Reform Education (CORE) mission posted on line is as follows: "As a collaboration of districts, we work together to innovate, implement, and scale new strategies and tools that help our students succeed, so that our districts are improved to meet the challenges of the 21st century."

First part of the first sentence is a lie: CORE is NOT a collaboration of districts. It is instead a "collaboration" of superintendents from 10 California school districts.

It is important to make a distinction between a district and a district's superintendent. A superintendent works for a school district's school board but a school district is governed by its school board that is suppose to work for the public.

When ten superintendents work in a private corporation with a mission to reform California's education system, the agenda of that organization becomes a stealth agenda working outside of the democratic process. The 10 CORE superintendents becomes a 5th column within the 10 school districts that hires them.

CORE agenda to reform California's education system is clear danger to democratic functioning of California's public school system. Superintendents have a conflict of interest meeting with a stealth group of superintendents agenda of education reform and, at the same time, working as district superintendent and an employee of school board implementing school board policies that have been established in an open democratic process. The two roles are in conflict.

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