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Letter to the Editor:

We commend that Alabama State Board of Education for taking action today to remove an obstacle to educational advancement in our state. The current implementation of high academic standards in our schools is already showing tremendous positive change in how our best teachers teach and how all students are learning.

Today's resolution was prompted by the ongoing concerns over Alabama's College and Career Ready Standards, which include the Common Core State Standards shared by 44 other states and internationally benchmarked. The agreement the Board rescinded was repeatedly cited by opponents of Common Core as a document that obligated Alabama to the federal government. Although this was not the case, the Board acted responsively by replacing it with clearer reassurance that our schools belong to our communities, and are controlled by our Alabama educators.

We appreciate the hard work of all Alabama teachers that have not only embraced the new standards, but are finding creative ways to help students reach a higher bar. Our state will benefit from the highly educated generation to come.

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