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Subject: RE: Common Core question

Mr. Solochek,

Here are some links to articles and testimony that contain the evidence you are seeking:

[Only five authors of Common Core](#)

“I have no idea how much influence committee members had on final product. Some of the things I advised made their way into the standards. Some of them didn’t. I’m not sure why or how,” he said. He said those who would know were the standards’ lead writers: David Coleman and Susan Pimentel in English, and Jason Zimba, Phil Daro, and William McCallum in math. Coleman and Zimba did not have previous experience writing standards.

Several people on the validation committee said the same: They had no idea what happened to their comments once they submitted them.

[Main authors had no K-12 experience](#) – See bottom of page 1 and top of page 2

[Few if any members of committees with early childhood/early elementary experience and only ¼ of one per cent of the comments were released:](#)

Nowhere was this more startlingly true than in the case of the early childhood standards—those imposed on kindergarten through grade 3. We reviewed the [makeup of the committees](#) that wrote and reviewed the Common Core Standards. In all, there were 135 people on those panels. Not a single one of them was a K-3 classroom teacher or early childhood professional.

Take a look at the summary of “public feedback” posted on the Core Standards website. It is grossly misleading. First of all, calling the feedback “public” is wrong: the organizers of the standards would not make public the nearly 10,000 comments they say they

received from citizens. The summary quotes 24 respondents—less than 1/4 of 1 percent of the total—selectively chosen to back up their interpretation of the results.

Sorry this took so long. I hope it is helpful. Please let me know if you have other questions.

Best,

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Last night we heard many people state that Common Core was developed without the input of teachers. I am looking for information that would demonstrate that claim. If you have anything you can point me toward to help determine the truth of that statement, I would greatly appreciate it.

Thanks in advance.

Jeff