To improve educational outcomes in Georgia, we must look to parents, local school boards, and stakeholders – not top-down government programs like Common Core. By eliminating burdensome mandates, regulations, and testing, we can allow educators to teach and inspire Georgia students. By empowering parents, we can ensure that students in failing schools have choices and a way to realize their full potential.

**As governor, Brian Kemp will:**

- Appoint parents, local administrators, and educators to conduct an immediate review of the current Math and ELA Common Core/GSE standards;
- Reduce the number and impact of standardized tests by adopting the federal testing minimum allowed by ESSA;
- Support the State School Superintendent through the 2020 standards review and validation process and urge the State School Board to adopt revised standards;
- Embrace local control and reduce state mandates in education;
- Update QBE formula to strengthen local schools, put students first;
- Encourage the creation of career pathways to meet the workforce needs of tomorrow (cyber, agriculture, technology, etc.);
- Support best practices in reading to dramatically improve Georgia’s unacceptable literacy rate;
- Respect teachers’ time by reducing paperwork, unpaid duties, micromanagement so teachers can actually teach;
- Support school choice programs by growing SSO tax credits and charter school opportunities for all Georgians;
- Promote Educational Savings Accounts (ESAs) starting with a pilot for military families;