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## re For Education?

Most middle and high school test scores remained flat or declined. Teams of administrators, teachers and parents formed to improve schools often didn't work well together....Middle schools, created to cater to the needs of early adolescents, are large, chaotic and, occasionally, violent. 'We have failed,' said Mayor William A. Johnson, Jr."

### Payments To Hillary Clinton?

The office of the N.Y. State Attorney-General also told me on the phone that NCEE is being investigated for payments to NCEE Board member Hillary Clinton and/or the Rose Law Firm of Little Rock.

In addition, NCEE was named in the original version of the "Oregon Educational Act for the 21st century."

NCEE Board member Ira Magaziner (with the Clinton administration now) addressed the Oregon legislature on the need for the law.

experience with this pilot program."

Can Jim Hunt be held personally responsible for this? No. But did Gov. Hunt as NCEE vice chairman speak out against this when it was occurring?

I didn't see it, and this should raise serious questions about his competence to solve our state's educational problems.

### Have A National Standard

Gov. Hunt and five other governors along with six CEOs of major American corporations formed the planning committee for a National Education Summit that met in March 1996 and adopted a policy statement calling for all states to establish internationally competitive standards, assessment tools and accountability systems within two years.

In addition, business leaders committed to take into consideration the quality of a state's standards when making business loca-

NCEE Board member Vera Katz was Speaker of the Oregon House that passed the law.

And NCEE president Marc Tucker attended the first graduation of Cottage Grove High School students involved in the pilot OBE project with their Certificate of Initial Mastery (CIM). After one year, the school suffered a 22 percent dropout rate and SAT scores fell.

#### **'Only Watched Movies'**

The following is from the Hearing Officer's report pertaining to required standards to obtain a CIM. Amber Davis (Cottage Grove) "testified that she is the first person to achieve a CIM certificate. She does not believe there were standards when she was a freshman. All she did was watch movies. She had very little science and social studies, etc. Her own goals have gone down. She has lost self-esteem. She now feels she cannot get into college because of her

tion or expansion decisions. The policy statement also noted: "We will establish an external, independent, non-governmental effort (called ACHIEVE) to measure and report each state's annual progress in setting standards..."

Thus, there will be an "independent" (not accountable to the public) entity to see that all states have assessments and accountability systems that are internationally competitive (American systems will have to adjust to international standards), and whether N.C. (or any other state) has a business locate within its borders depends upon N.C. (and other states) going along with what ACHIEVE deems necessary. This is a raw grab for power and the internationalization of education.

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