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by [DR. SUSAN BERRY](#) 28 May 2015 24

U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan asked for advice via his private email account from Jeb Bush about how to respond to concerns about Common Core from current Republican Florida Gov. Rick Scott.

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Buzzfeed reports that emails it obtained from September 23, 2013 show Duncan's request for help from Bush, the former Florida governor, and Bush's advice that followed which said Scott was "fearful of rebellion."

The email from Duncan names "Gov Scott" in the Subject field and continues in the Message field with, "Is calling me. Any advice?"

Bush, reports BuzzFeed, replied from a plane an hour later:

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I am on a plane.

He is fearful of the rebellion. Wants to stop using the term common core but keep the standards. Wants to get out of PARCC. I asked him if he had specifics things that the federal government is doing or perceived to be doing. He didn't have them when I spoke to him last thursday evening.

Duncan's response was a simple, "Thanks."



On the very same day of the email exchange between Duncan and Bush, Scott announced a "path forward for high education standards" and a "decision to withdraw from PARCC," one of the two federally funded interstate test consortia that are creating tests aligned with the Common Core standards.

In his press release, consistent with Bush's warning to Duncan, Scott said he was outlining steps for the State Board of Education to "maintain high education standards," and "remove the state from federal intrusion in education policy."

In early 2014, Florida "rebranded" the Common Core standards with the local flavor title of "Next Generation Sunshine State Standards."

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The same.

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Exactly. Duncan obviously has a strong relationship with Bush.

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Duncan should never be allowed to be near a child for any reason.

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And thus will it ever be so until a wannabe leader with a lick of sense and a gallon of courage publicly calls for the abolition of the Department of Education and the primary and secondary school teachers in this country renounce the politicization of their professional organizations and call out the farce that is "Common Core".

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I'd worry more about Scott. Sounds like he's the people's traitor and slight of hand artist with his electorate. But you're right about Jeb.

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I like Scott but there's just something about him. I personally think Santorum and Perry are the only two acting like presidential material.

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Rick Scott is the FL's governor....not to be confused with Scott Walker, the governor of WI.

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I was talking about Walker. Rick Scott don't know much about.

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I understand. Can't tell you how many times I confuse the Ricks and the Scotts!

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Sterling_Words → **Virginia patriot** • a year ago

Scott Walker has some incredible accomplishments and can stand up to the pressure and the lies that Democrats and the media (one in the same?) will be spewing. Rick Perry will do OK with the media. He also has some great accomplishments and, I believe, will provide leadership as a strong figurehead for the country (not just the Republican party, the country). I think Cruz would offer strong leadership also, but I don't know if he'll connect with enough people to win the nomination. I do believe, however, he could win the General election. Santorum is a good man, I don't have anything bad to say about him but that doesn't make him Presidential. Frankly, I believe Walker or Perry would offer much stronger Presidencies than most of the others. Rand, I think has disqualified himself with some of the tactics he's taken in the Senate (since he announced his candidacy!).

And Rubio... eh... Rubio. Where for art thou, Rubio? He's

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AND RUBIO...ahh, RUBIO. WHERE FOR ALL THOU, RUBIO? HE'S the guy you WANT to like but I just don't trust him. I don't think his core values are well-defined enough. That means that he could swing the wrong way on some key issues (such as immigration) just as we've seen with Republican picks to the Supreme Court.

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It's any body's ball game really. The polls are deceiving but I believe that when Perry gets in he'll have a good showing. He could do very well if he gives a great debate performance. Cruz even though I agree on many things with him just rubs me as Snl character. The reason I'm less skeptical about Perry is that he has never claimed to be what he isn't . Ted is all about slogans and living off Reagan. Perry has a solid record of management. He listens to people and acts according to their will. Rubio is a con man and would sell us out even further if elected. Perry actually sent national guard too try and curb the massive flood. Ted was running around giving out teddy bears and soccer balls to these people.

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stephmcg → Sterling_Words • a year ago

Walker is enabling Common Core in Wisconsin after he ran last summer on repealing it. Walker will not end Common Core or Obamacare. Walker has helped and enabled both programs in Wisconsin.

Walker actually moved tens of thousands of people from state funded badger care into Federally subsidized Obamacare exchanges. I love how FOX News and the Walkerbots never acknowledge these glaring facts.

Oh,I forgot,all Walker needs to do is to verbally state that he opposes both programs and we are suppose to believe him...just like his flips on immigration policy.

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Jeez, if you are going to ask for help, ask someone intelligent.

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Arnie does your curriculum include fisting which you are so fond of?

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Now there was a meeting of mental titans.

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I thought midgets was spelled differently.

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Liberty First • a year ago

I will do whatever I can to see Bush lose in 2016. Even if that means voting Democrat for the 191st time. That family is vile.

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Would you have intended to vote for Ted Cruz or Marco Rubio or Scott Walker or one of the other GOP candidates?

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rockribbed · a year ago

Sir, I don't know what to think about this subject, but give me some alternative label in case the thought gets accidentally think in my entitled, royal-family brain.

Thanks in for in the future when you have already told me.

Jeb

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