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**Wilfried Schmid\*** ([schmid@math.harvard.edu](mailto:schmid@math.harvard.edu)), Department of Mathematics, 1 Oxford Street, Cambridge, MA 02138. *Was it a good idea for Massachusetts to drop its own Mathematics Curriculum Framework and to replace it by the Common Core?*

In July, the Massachusetts Board of Education voted to replace the Massachusetts Curriculum Framework for Mathematics by the Common Core Mathematics standards. I shall briefly recount the history of the Common Core standards, and compare them to the Massachusetts Framework. I shall then discuss the reasons for and against this switch. Finally, I shall give my own personal answer to the question posed in my title. (Received February 02, 2011)