



Dannel P. Malloy

GOVERNOR
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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Dear Educator's Common Core Implementation Task Force members:

On behalf of Connecticut's children, teachers, principals, school administrators and parents, thank you for your participation as a member of this task force. The work that you will do in the coming weeks will enable the Common Core State Standards to be implemented and integrated into classroom practice and curriculum across the state based on the best practices developed by educators here in Connecticut. Your efforts will ensure that all of Connecticut's children have the opportunity to increase their learning and are prepared for success in a demanding economy.

Over the course of your meetings, discussions and deliberations, we ask that you focus on making recommendations that will (1) instruct the translation of Common Core State Standards into curricula, (2) identify practices that are helping local students and teachers prepare well, and identify gaps in preparation, (3) strengthen the professional development opportunities available to classroom teachers and school leaders, including how the State Department of Education can be as supportive as possible as districts implement Common Core, and (4) improve communication and information sharing with parents.

We ask that you submit your report and recommendations no later than June 30, 2014 as per Executive Order 41. We believe it will be a valuable resource and guide to the state, to school administrators, teachers and parents as we all work towards providing equal opportunity for learning to our students.

Our staff is available to you as a resource and we look forward to reviewing your recommendations at the end of this process.

Thank you for all that you will do for the children of our state and for the future of Connecticut as a whole.

Sincerely,

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Governor

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Nancy Wyman
Lt. Governor