



# COMMON CORE TASK FORCE



Session II  
April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014

A Plan for Moving Forward...

# Common Core Task Force CCTF

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Meeting Location	25 Industrial Park Road, Conf. Room MCR3 Middletown CT
Meeting Time	4:30-6:00
Meeting Date	Topic
March 25	Introduction/Opening
→ April 9	Success/Concern: Root Cause Analysis
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# Task Force Norms

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- ❑ Actively **Participate**
- ❑ **Listen** with **Respect**
- ❑ Be **solution** based
- ❑ Put **kids** front and center

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# Task Force Process

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- A **Review** of Current Implementation Success/Challenge
- An **Identification** of areas of Best Practice
- The **Development** of a series of **Actionable** Recommendations



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# Task Force Purpose

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## Our Conversations **will** focus on..

- A review of current strength/weaknesses in CCSS implementation
- A showcase of best practices in CCSS implementation
- A series of recommendations to improve CCSS implementation
- Solutions

## Our Conversations **will not** focus on..

- The validity or adoption of the CCSS
- Additional SDE initiatives associated with the CCSS (Teacher/Admin Eval, SBAC, etc...)

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# Session II Outcomes:

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- A Review of CCSS Strengths/Challenges
- A root cause analysis
- Application of the CCTF Logic framework template to identify buckets of strength/challenge



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# Session II Activity: Warm-Up

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- In your table group, review the distributed timeline (handout) and discuss **areas of emphasis or areas of omission** in the implementation time line.
- Why might this have happened?



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# Session II: Activity 1: Root Cause Analysis

## STEP 1: List the areas of success and concern

Perceptions regarding  
Greatest Common  
Core Successes

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Perceptions regarding  
greatest Common  
Core Concerns

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## STEP 2: Pick the most significant success and concern

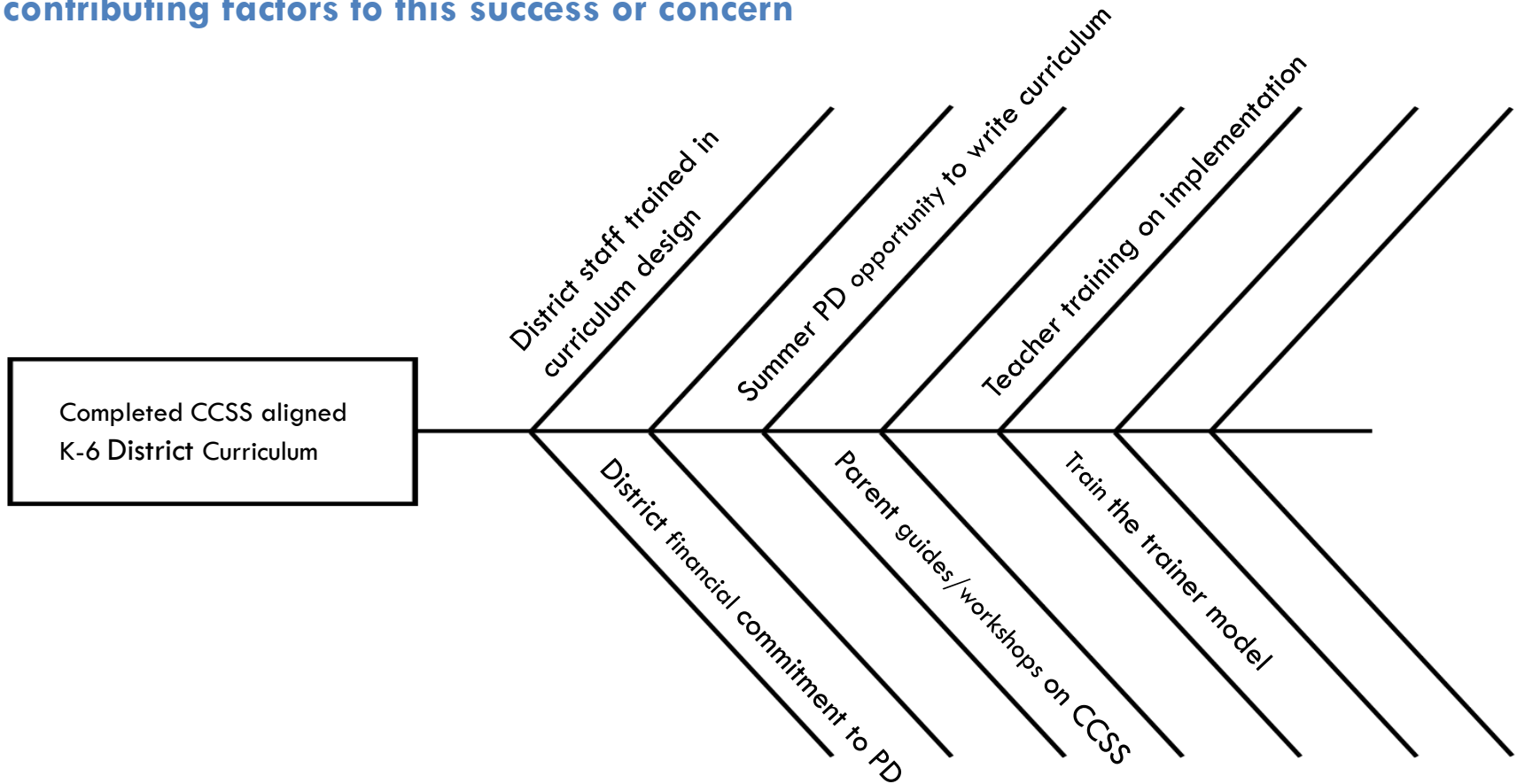
Success

Concern



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**STEP 3:** For your identified success or concern, list out the root causes or contributing factors to this success or concern



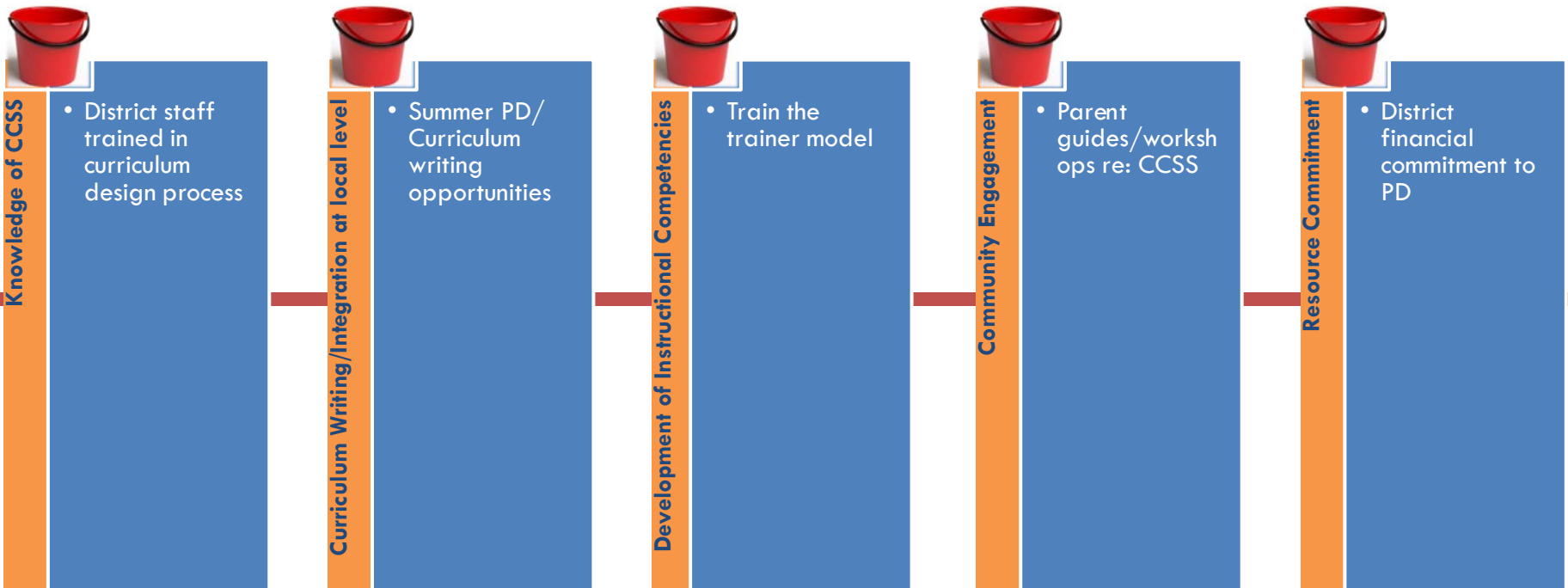
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# Session II: Activity 2: Application of CCTF Logic Framework

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Greatest Success: \_\_\_\_\_



Greatest Concern: \_\_\_\_\_



## Session II: Activity 3: A Closure Activity

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- **Group Summary:** must fit on ½ sheet graph paper and be legible from 15')
  
- **Develop a group summary of greatest implementation success/concern root causes.**
  - What were the greatest successes/concerns?
  - What contributing factors led to these outcomes?
  
- **Based on the logic framework application activity, which buckets demonstrate areas of strength of implementation? Which buckets demonstrate areas of need?**
  - Develop three commendations for implementation
  - Develop three recommendations for future implementation

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# Task Force Schedule Ahead

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- Next Meeting April 23rd
  
- Assignment:
  - ▣ Review of root causes/bucket filling
  
- Items for future agenda
  
  
- Exit Slips



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Closing:

*There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children.*

~Nelson Mandela



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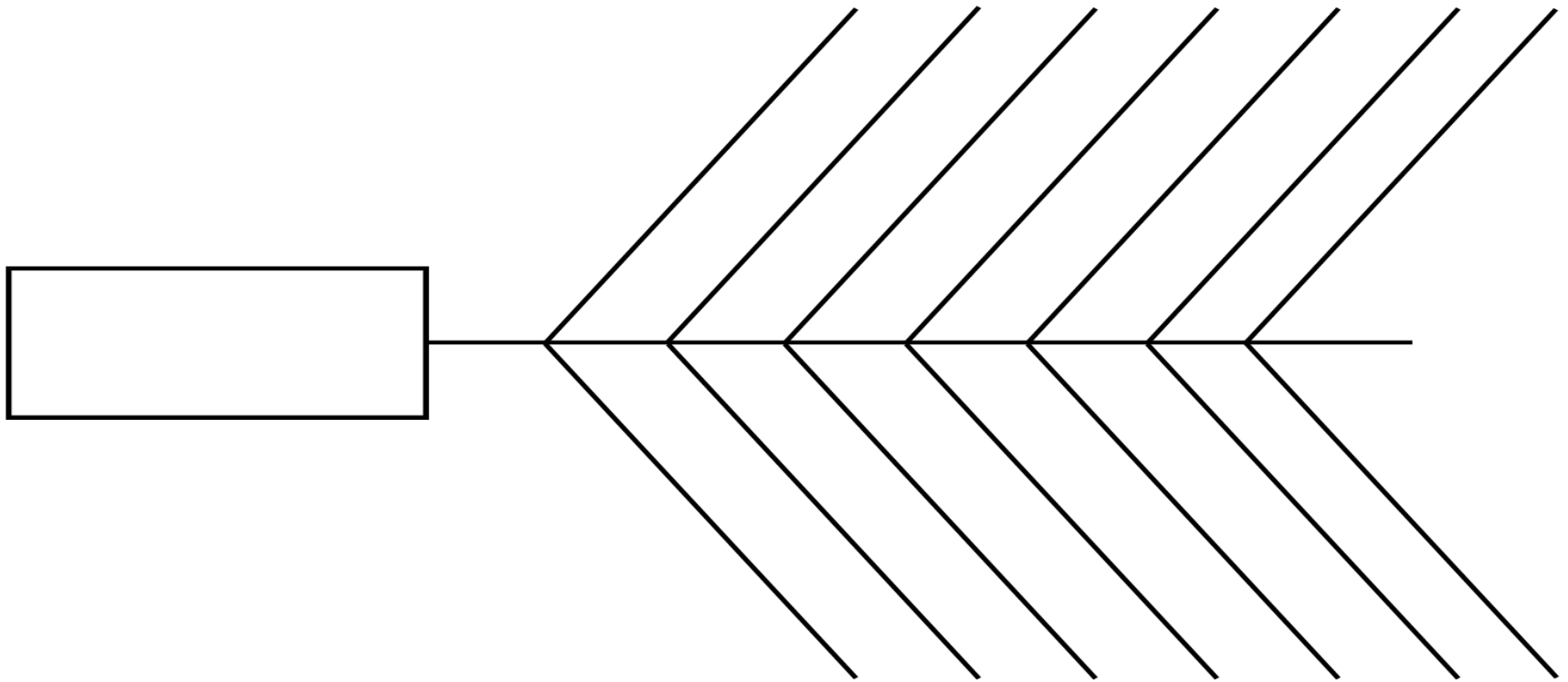
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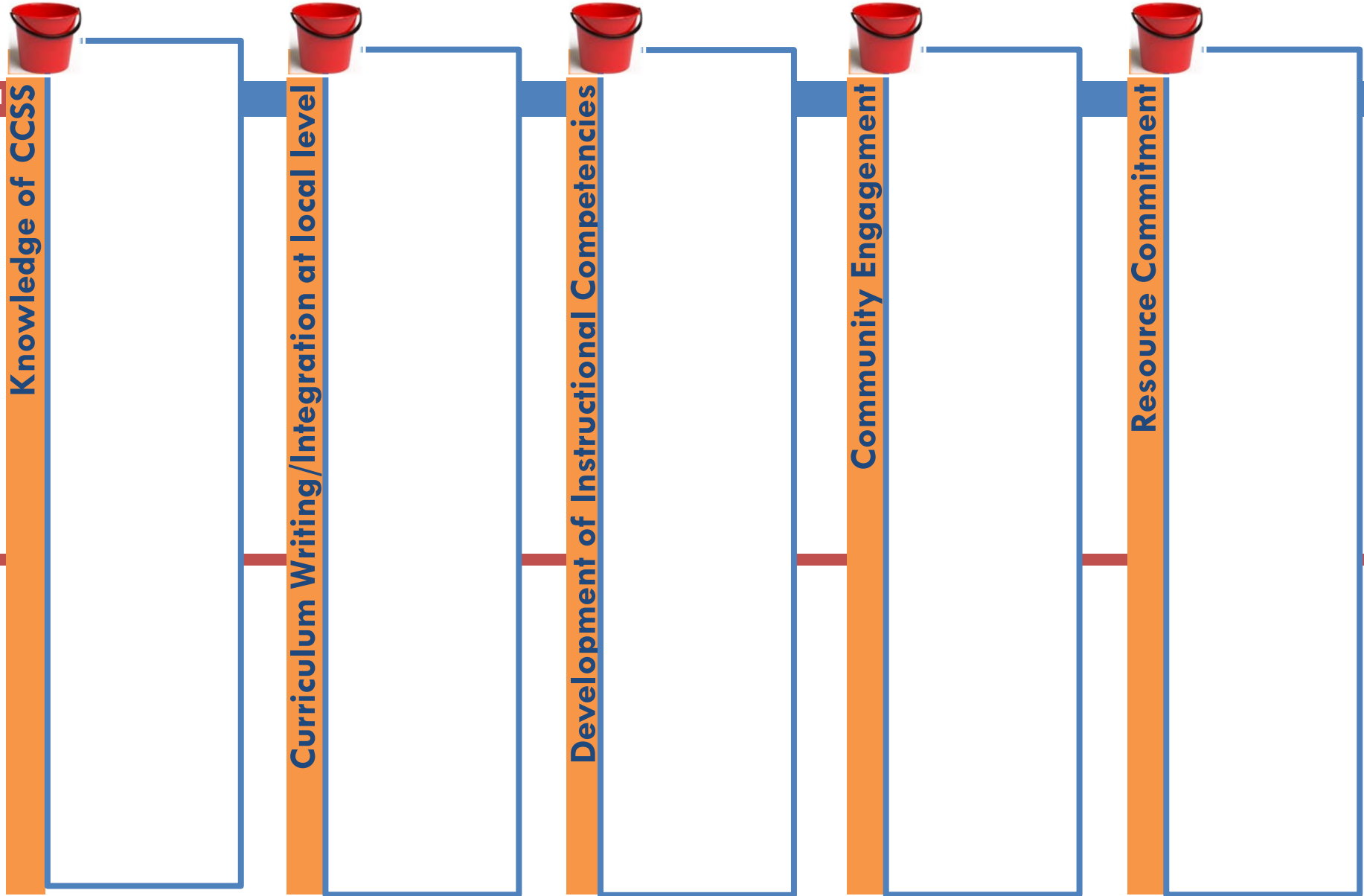
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## Session II: Activity 2: Application of CCTF Logic Framework



# Exit Slip:



- Today I learned, appreciated, learned, enjoyed, valued...

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- A suggestion, concern, complaint or quandary I would like to share...

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