



ROGERS-LOWELL AREA Chamber of Commerce

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RESOLUTION BY THE ROGERS-LOWELL AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN SUPPORT OF COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS IN ARKANSAS

- WHEREAS: It is vitally important for Arkansas to develop and prepare a workforce that is globally competitive in order to create and retain jobs in the state and improve economic vitality of the state and its citizens; and
- WHEREAS: Common Core State Standards were created through the efforts of local and state officials led by the bipartisan National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers; and
- WHEREAS: Arkansans – teachers, parents and community and business leaders – assisted in the development of Common Core State Standards, which were adopted as the Standards for Arkansas in 2010 and have been implemented in grades K through 8 over the past two years and are being rolled out in grades 9 through 12 this year (2013-14); and
- WHEREAS: The Common Core initiative establishes rigorous scholastic standards in English and Math that empowers local school districts and teachers with the responsibility to develop curriculum that better prepares our students for success in higher education and the 21st century workforce by focusing on critical-thinking and problem solving skills; and
- WHEREAS: Northwest Arkansas averages thirty-one new residents moving to the region every day, which leads to rapidly growing school districts composed of a significant population of students that originated outside the area; and
- WHEREAS: Common Core State Standards allow transfer students to easily transition to schools around the country and improve their chances for academic success;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Rogers-Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce supports the efforts of the Arkansas Department of Education, Rogers School District and other educators from across the state to complete the implementation of Common Core State Standards in order to better ensure our students are prepared for future success in academics and the workplace and encourage job retention and creation in Arkansas.

ADOPTED by the Rogers-Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors on this 26th day of September 2013.



Raymond Burns, President and CEO
Rogers-Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce