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ASCD's Common Core State Standards Update

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ASCD Releases Report on Common Core State Standards Implementation

ASCD has released a new report, "[Fulfilling the Promise of the Common Core State Standards: Moving from Adoption to Implementation to Sustainability](#)," illuminating activities educators and policymakers at all levels can undertake to successfully implement the Common Core State Standards across the nation. This free report can be found on the [EduCore™ site](#), ASCD's free repository of evidence-based strategies, videos, and supporting documents that help educators transition to use of the Common Core standards.

The recommendations included in "Fulfilling the Promise" are derived from data gathered from field work, surveys, and educator summits. While focusing on tactics and strategies educators across the nation can use to implement the new standards, this report delves deeper into the needs, input, and activities of educators in four diverse states—Arkansas, Colorado, North Carolina, and Utah.

Based on the data gathered, ASCD has made a number of key recommendations to education leaders that will help them successfully implement the Common Core State Standards in their school systems. Among the recommendations are to

- Make sure educators deeply understand the standards and the key instructional shifts they require.
- Vet instructional resources for quality and alignment with the standards.
- Transform principals into instructional leaders.
- Listen to educators about their professional learning needs.
- Maximize opportunities for collaboration and capacity building through professional learning.
- Engage higher-education partners.
- Understand and plan for the coming common assessments.

- Adopt technology that will meet teaching and learning needs, but also work with the new assessments.
- Align initiatives into comprehensive reforms.

"We asked educators to tell us what steps need to occur to successfully implement the Common Core State Standards, and they told us," said ASCD Executive Director and CEO Gene R. Carter. "This report offers education leaders at all levels key recommendations for successfully implementing the new standards. ASCD will continue to work hard to provide educators the highest-quality programs, products, and services to support these recommendations in the future."

This report is one of the projects funded through a three-year, \$3-million-dollar grant awarded to ASCD last year by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to support implementation of the Common Core standards. To obtain a full copy of the report and to access the many resources from ASCD aiding educators in implementing the Common Core State Standards, visit www.ascd.org/commoncore.