

**Ohio Race to the Top Round 2 Application  
Amendment Regarding Adoption of Common Core Standards  
July 27, 2010**

**Context**

Ohio has completed full and final adoption of the Common Core Standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics. As indicated in Ohio's Round 2 Race to the Top proposal on page B1-3, Ohio law requires the State Board of Education to adopt revised standards for English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies by June 30, 2010. Under Ohio law, the Board has the authority to adopt content standards without approval by the General Assembly. The process specified by Ohio law requires the Board to announce its intent to adopt new standards and provide an opportunity for public comment before final adoption. The Board announced its intent to adopt the Common Core standards for English language arts and mathematics, together with the new Ohio standards for science and social studies, at its meeting on May 11, 2010, and made available a period of public comment. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction presented the revised standards to the Ohio General Assembly's House and Senate Education Committees on May 11–12, 2010, respectively. *The State Board of Education passed a resolution for full and final adoption of the Common Core standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics on June 7, 2010.*

**Evidence**

A copy of the official resolution is attached, certified by the Superintendent of Public Instruction on June 9, 2010.

# Resolution

2. **RESOLUTION TO ADOPT COMMON CORE ACADEMIC CONTENT STANDARDS AND THEIR SUCCESSORS IN MATHEMATICS AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS**

The Achievement Committee **RECOMMENDS** that the State Board of Education **ADOPT** the following Resolution:

WHEREAS House Bill 1 of the 128th General Assembly requires the State Board of Education to approve, no later than June 30, 2010, revised academic content standards in the content areas of mathematics, English language arts, science and social studies; and

WHEREAS House Bill 1 requires such revised standards to define academic content that will “allow each student to be prepared for postsecondary instruction and the workplace for success in the twenty-first century,” as well as addressing the following skill sets:

- Creativity and innovation
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Communication and collaboration
- Technology literacy
- Personal management
- Productivity and accountability
- Leadership and responsibility
- Interdisciplinary and project-based learning; and

WHEREAS Department of Education staff have conducted comparative international studies of content standards in persistent and statistically significantly high-performing countries, focus groups, and an online survey of Ohio educators regarding the standards revision process; convened working groups of Ohio educators; examined model standards of the country’s leading learned societies for English language arts and mathematics; and received critiques of draft standards by national experts; and

WHEREAS Ohio, to ensure eligibility for federal Race to the Top funding, has joined with 48 other states, two territories and the District of Columbia in a joint process of academic content standards development led by the National Governor’s Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers, among others, which has resulted in creation of the Common Core standards in mathematics and English language arts; and

WHEREAS the Department held a series of five regional meetings in March 2010 to update stakeholders on the latest information regarding the Common Core State Standards Initiative and to request feedback to inform Ohio’s development of implementation supports, including model curricula for the new standards; and

WHEREAS the Achievement Committee of the State Board of Education has followed this process since its inception through regular progress reports; and

WHEREAS the Common Core Standards in mathematics and English language arts and the writing and stakeholder input processes were last reviewed by the Achievement Committee during its May 2010 meeting; and

# Resolution

## Item 2 continued

WHEREAS the State Board on May 11, 2010 declared its intent to adopt the Common Core Standards in mathematics and English language arts, the most current versions of which are attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference: Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED That the State Board of Education hereby adopt the Common Core Standards in mathematics and English language arts, in their current form and their respective successors; and, Be It

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Superintendent, be authorized to publish these standards electronically or through other media as Ohio's academic content standards in mathematics and English language arts and other accompanying forms and to make such revisions to form and style as may be determined to be of a non-substantive nature, including grammatical and other technical matters; and, Be It

FURTHER RESOLVED, That these standards serve as the basis for model curricula to be written and presented to the State Board for approval by March, 2011; and Be It

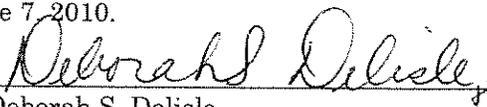
FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Superintendent shall make periodic reports on the implementation of the academic content standards for English language arts and mathematics to the State Board in order to inform its understanding of the transition to full operation of the standards; and Be It

FURTHER RESOLVED, That these standards shall become fully effective for school year first affected by adoption of the state assessment system pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) § 3301.0712; and Be It

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Superintendent be authorized and directed, and she hereby is, to inform all school districts, community schools, STEM schools and nonpublic schools of the adoption of these standards pursuant to ORC § 3301.079 and to provide such technical assistance and professional development possible to assist them in their transition to the new academic content standards in English language arts and mathematics.

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I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the action taken by the State Board of Education at its meeting on June 7, 2010.

Columbus, Ohio  
June 9, 2010

  
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Deborah S. Delisle  
Superintendent of Public Instruction