



RESOLUTION

BOARD OF REGENTS' RESOLUTION – *Expressing support for and encouraging long-term commitment by the State of Nevada and district school board trustees and superintendents of public K-12 instruction in the adoption and implementation of the Common Core State Standards.*

- WHEREAS, the Common Core State Standards were developed by the nation's governors and education commissioners, through their representative organizations, the National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers, with input from teachers, parents, school administrators and faculty from across the country; and
- WHEREAS, the Common Core State Standards – also known in this State and adopted in 2010 as the Nevada Common Core Standards – establish clear, internationally benchmarked educational standards and learning objectives for Kindergarten through 12th grade in English language arts and mathematics that states may voluntarily adopt; and
- WHEREAS, the Nevada Common Core Standards are anchored in the goal of ensuring all students graduate from high school prepared to enter credit bearing entry courses in two or four year college programs or to enter the workforce, and reflect the knowledge and skills most valued by employers and higher education; and
- WHEREAS, the Nevada Common Core Standards are clear and concise to ensure that parents, teachers, and students have a clear understanding of the expectations in reading, writing, speaking and listening, language and mathematics in school; and
- WHEREAS, forty-five states, including Nevada, as well as the District of Columbia, four territories, and the Department of Defense Education Activity have adopted the Common Core State Standards; and
- WHEREAS, the Colleges, Schools, and Departments of Education within the Nevada System of Higher Education are preparing students to teach in K-12 efficiently and successfully using the more rigorous Nevada Common Core Standards, and faculty involved in entry courses throughout the Nevada System of Higher Education are taking the initiative to prepare for students entering the colleges and universities in future years who have been educated under the Common Core Standards; and
- WHEREAS, the Nevada Common Core Standards will better prepare students in K-12 for success in postsecondary education, thus supporting key components of the Board of Regents *Strategic Directions* adopted in January 2012, including increased student achievement, retention and success; and
- WHEREAS, Governor Brian Sandoval issued Executive Order 2013-06 on June 24, 2013, establishing the Common Core State Standards Steering Committee to be co-chaired by the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher Education and charging the Committee with developing a communications strategy to ensure students and parents are appropriately informed regarding common core implementation and the administration of the college and career readiness assessment and with ensuring that appropriate plans and resources are in place to address needs identified for students under the college and career readiness assessment; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION, that the members of the Board of Regents support the State of Nevada's adoption of the Nevada Common Core Standards and urge the State of Nevada, the State Board of Education, the Nevada Department of Education, district school board trustees, and superintendents of public K-12 education to maintain Nevada's commitment to the implementation of the Nevada Common Core Standards; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the President of the State Board of Education, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, each district superintendent of the State of the Nevada, and Governor Brian Sandoval; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that this resolution is effective upon passage.