

Architecture for Implementing the Common Core Standards: Strategies, Partnerships and Progress

Webcast Agenda

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Monday, February 27, 2012

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9:00am – 9:20am **Welcome & Introductions –**
Aaron Thompson, Council on Postsecondary Education

Noon – 1:00pm **Lunch**
The Prichard Committee and the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce are focused on public engagement to build awareness of, and support for, the common core standards. Representatives from both organizations will share with us the progress of these efforts.

Presenters: Diana Taylor – Consultant, Kentucky Chamber of Commerce
 Robyn Oatley – Consultant, Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence

6:30pm – 7:30pm **Fireside Chat**
These leaders will share their perspectives on how collaboration within and across agencies helped guide statewide efforts to improve college and career readiness of Kentucky's high school graduates.

Presenters: Terry Holliday, Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Education
 Robert King, President, Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education
 Phillip Rogers, Executive Director, Education Professional Standards Board
 The Honorable Ken Winters, Chairman, Senate Education Committee
 The Honorable Carl Rollins, Chairman, House Education Committee

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

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8:00am – 8:50am **Welcome, Introductions, and Plenary Presentation**

What Would Statewide Collaboration Look Like In a Perfect World?

Discussions on CCSS implementation and college readiness often mention the need for K-12 and postsecondary education to collaborate across their sectors, and for higher education and state policy leaders to be fully engaged, but what exactly does this mean? To whom are we referring? Our panel will discuss what this means on behalf of the constituents they represent and suggest strategies to pursue if the state contextual environment makes it difficult to get all of the essential people engaged in CCSS and College Readiness implementation.

Presenters: Muriel Howard, President, American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU)
 Gene Wilhoit, Executive Director, Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO)
 Paul Lingenfelter, President, State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO)
 Dane Linn, Executive Director of State Strategy, The College Board
Facilitator: Jolene Koester, Chair, College Readiness Partnership Steering Committee, and Past President, CSU-Northridge

8:50am – 9:40am **Plenary Session: College Readiness**

What Does It Mean to be College and Career Ready?

Colleges and universities set their own standards for college readiness, at least implicitly, in their expectations for admission and placement. But this practice communicates college preparation expectations poorly and unevenly—one of the factors contributing to many students being underprepared for college-level work. Career readiness is also poorly communicated and un-systematically provided at both the K-12 and college levels. How can the new Common Core State Standards be used to both communicate and improve college and career readiness for all students? Will Common Core-based changes produce students better prepared only for first-year courses, or more likely to succeed throughout college and into the workplace? What else is needed in order to ensure that graduates are both prepared to be life-long learners, and prepared for their lives ahead?

Presenters: David Conley, Professor, Educational Policy and Leadership, and Director, Center for Educational Policy Research (CEPR), University of Oregon; CEO, Education Policy Improvement Center (EPIC)
 Debra Humphreys, Vice President for Communications and Public Affairs, Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U)
Facilitator: Charles Lenth, Vice President for Policy Analysis and Academic Affairs, State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO)

9:40am – 10:10am **Plenary Session: Organizing at the State Level**

Structures for Statewide Communication and Collaboration

Sustained, collaborative work—at the institution, system, regional, and state levels, on significant cross-sector issues like college readiness—requires the establishment of supportive statewide networks. Yet the shifting sands of leadership, political priorities, and policy initiatives can wear away once sound collaborative structures. To be effective, statewide structures must have a strong foundation, be somewhat buffered from year to year shifts, and focus on real, high-priority work to be completed by all

engaged constituencies. Leaders from Maine and Massachusetts discuss the process of, and lessons learned from, developing such structures in their respective states.

Presenters: Rich Pattenaude, Chancellor, University of Maine System
Aundrea Kelley, Deputy Commissioner for P-16 Policy and Collaborative Initiatives, Massachusetts Department of Higher Education
Facilitator: Sharmila Conger, Senior Policy Analyst, State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO)

12:15pm – 1:15pm **Lunch with the Governor:
Governor Steve Beshear, Kentucky**

1:15pm – 2:00pm **Plenary Session: Assessments for Readiness**

Reflections From CRP State Representatives: Constituent Reactions to the Common Assessment Consortia (PARCC and Smarter Balanced) Proposals for Assessments of College Readiness

Most states have made a decision to belong to either the Smarter Balanced or the PARCC assessment consortia, and are now having conversations about implementing the associated assessments in their states. How are these conversations going? What feedback are we hearing from the K-12 sector? The higher education community? What reaction are they getting from other constituent groups about CCSS implementation and College Readiness cut scores? What questions are emerging that need answers before CCSS implementation can move forward? Representatives from CRP states will talk about what is surfacing in their states.

Presenters: Steven Chrostowski, Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
Greg Sethares, Professor and Chair, Department of Mathematics, Bristol Community College (Massachusetts)
Allyson Handley, President, University of Maine at Augusta
Rusty Monhollon, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Affairs, Missouri Department of Higher Education
Sharon Hoge, Assistant Commissioner, Office of College and Career Readiness, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
Facilitator: Julie Carnahan, Senior Associate, State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO)

3:15pm – 4:00pm **Plenary Session: Teacher/Faculty Preparation and Development**

Gap Analysis: What Needs to be Done to Implement the CCSS?

This session will provide an overview of all the components that states must consider in designing a plan and carrying out the implementation of the Common Core State Standards: educator preparation and professional learning, standards, accreditation, accountability, curriculum, and more. It will also identify gaps that exist in most states, and provide some suggestions on how to close those gaps.

Speaker: Paul Yoder, Education Department Chair, Truman University (Missouri)
Facilitator: Janice Poda, CCSSO

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8:00am – 9:00am **Plenary Session**

The Kentucky Road Map for CCSS Implementation

Kentucky has long been viewed as a front runner in CCSS implementation. What can other states learn from Kentucky? Members of this panel will discuss the status of Kentucky's CCSS implementation and describe next steps in the process. Other questions the panel will cover include:

- What are the road blocks, detours, and rough roads that other states be aware of?
- Would Kentucky advise other states to take a different route?
- Does Kentucky anticipate needing some roadside assistance in order to move forward?
- Has Kentucky created a climate for change that will be sustained after the CCSS are implemented?

Panelists: Felicia Cummings-Smith, Kentucky Department of Education
 Kim Walters-Parker, Education Professional Standards Board
 John DeAtley, Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education