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An Update on the Common Core State Standards

Dear Teachers,

Congratulations on another successful opening to the school year. With 2013-14 marking the major transition point to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS), we will be sending you regular updates regarding Professional Development opportunities and the district's plans and expectations for the CCSS implementation process.

We will send these updates via letters such as this, statements in the employee bulletin, and notifications of resources posted on the website via the intranet. We will also be sending regular communications to parents and guardians to help them learn about CCSS and give them tools for supporting their children.

Our first letter to parents and guardians is attached for your reference. We will continue to send you copies of these letters to keep you up-to-date on the information that your school community is receiving.

As noted in an email sent earlier today, we are postponing the Common Core Awareness Seminars that were scheduled for September and October. Our goal is to provide a broader range of options for professional learning about CCSS that are as meaningful as possible for all AUSD teachers. To meet this goal, we will reschedule the seminars and send out details as soon as we have them. We encourage teachers to select PD opportunities that best fit their schedule. Common Core Teacher Teams that were started in 2012-13 will continue to meet this school year.

We appreciate all the feedback we have received from teaching and support staff regarding the need for additional CCSS information and encourage you to continue sharing your thoughts and questions. Hearing directly from school staff allows us to provide resources that are most relevant to your needs. Please contact Educational Services at 337.7076 or Connie Tillman, Coordinator of Professional Development, Common Core and Literacy at 337.7102 or ctillman@alameda.k12.ca.us with your ideas and questions.

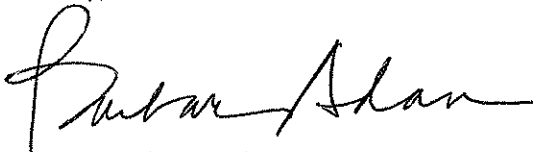
We look forward to continuing our work to support you through the CCSS transition and implementation process. If you have not already done so, we encourage you to review and bookmark the following sites as a first step in broadening your understanding of the CCSS:

[Common Core State Standards Initiative](#)

[California Department of Education CCSS](#)

[Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium \(SBAC\)](#) (Organization responsible for developing the CCSS assessments)

Sincerely,



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