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To: BOE and Dr. Burke

From: Teresa Tosh

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Re: Common Core State Standards Curriculum Approval

Through its Curriculum Review Process, the Kansas Board of Education has adopted the Common Core State Standards (including the Kansas 15%) as the new state standards for English Language Arts and Math. I am writing this request seeking approval to adopt these standards in the district and to align our work with them so our students and teachers can be prepared for the new state assessment.

During the 2012-2013 school year, we will be focusing our professional learning on:

- Increasing our knowledge and deep understanding of the standards themselves.
- Understanding the instructional shifts required by the standards.
- Knowing how to align our practices with the demands of the new assessment.

The documents have been downloaded from the KSDE site and are attached.

Thank you for your consideration.

Teresa