State of Nevada

Executive Department

Executive Order 2013-06

ESTABLISHING THE COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS STEERING COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, in 2010, the National Governors' Association Center for Best Practices and the Council of Chief State School Officers released the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for K-12 English language arts/literacy and mathematics;

WHEREAS, the Common Core State Standards, developed collaboratively by 48 states, hundreds of experts, and thousands of educators, are anchored in the goal of ensuring all students graduate ready for college and career success, and reflect the knowledge and skills most valued by employers and higher education;

WHEREAS, forty-five states, including Nevada, have adopted the CCSS as their state standards in the subjects of English language arts/literacy and mathematics, to be fully implemented by the 2015-16 school year;

WHEREAS, the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) has created an implementation team and work groups to provide resources, leadership, and professional development to support the implementation of the CCSS in Nevada;

WHEREAS, Nevada school districts, charter schools, and the Regional Professional Development Programs (RPDPs) have been rolling out the CCSS through professional development and instruction endeavors;

WHEREAS, the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) has been preparing students to teach in K-12 classrooms using the more rigorous CCSS, and faculty involved in entry courses are considering the needs of students entering the colleges and universities in future years who have been educated under the CCSS;

WHEREAS, the 2013 Legislature passed Assembly Bill 288, which requires the State Board of Education to select a college and career readiness assessment for administration commencing with the 2014-2015 school year to pupils who are enrolled in grade 11 in public high schools;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that NDE, NSHE, and representatives from Nevada school districts, state charter schools, RPDPs, and other important education stakeholders collaborate to support successful implementation of the CCSS in Nevada;

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of Nevada, I hereby direct and order as follows:

1. The Common Core State Standards Steering Committee ("Committee") is hereby established.

2. The Committee shall be co-chaired by the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher Education, who will jointly appoint the members to serve on the Council.

3. The Committee shall be comprised of at least seven persons representing school districts, the Nevada Public Charter School Authority, the RPDPs, private business, parents, and educators throughout the state.

4. The Committee shall meet as soon as practicable and shall provide guidance to the CCSS Implementation Team and others regarding rollout and scale up of the CCSS.

5. The Committee shall work collaboratively with state and local policymakers, the NDE, local school districts, and NSHE to ensure that appropriate plans and resources are in place to address the academic strengths and needs identified for students under the college and career readiness assessment selected by the State Board of Education so students will have the opportunity to meaningfully prepare for college and career success including considerations for eliminating the need for remediation coursework in college.

6. The Committee shall guide the creation of a communications plan to ensure that students, parents, educators, and policymakers are aware of the implementation of the standards, as well as the administration of the college and career readiness assessment and the plans for students to graduate ready for college and career success, based on the results of that assessment.

7. The Committee may establish subcommittees and ask appropriate persons with subject matter expertise to serve on the subcommittees to facilitate the work of the Committee.

8. The Committee shall deliver a report to the Governor on or before December 31, 2013, detailing the actions taken to date and those planned for future action.

9. All records documenting the Committee's activities shall be retained and transferred to the State Archives for permanent retention in accordance with the State record retention policy.

10. The Superintendent and Chancellor shall, to the best of their abilities and using existing resources, coordinate the delivery of staff support to the Committee's activity.

11. Unless otherwise ordered, the Council shall cease to exist on July 1, 2016.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 24th day of June, in the year two thousand thirteen.

Governor of the State of Nevada

By the Governor:

Secretary of State

Deputy Secretary of State