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Dear Education Stakeholders:

In Pennsylvania's Race to the Top application and again in a March 9th communication to you, the State Board outlined its commitment to a transparent and public process alongside consideration of Common Core academic standards in English language arts and mathematics.

With Common Core on the Board's agenda for its June 30-July 1 meeting, we will hold a series of roundtables across the state—both to present preliminary results of a study comparing Common Core with Pennsylvania's standards framework and to gather feedback on the policy question before us. Dates and locations for the roundtables are below; each will begin at 10 a.m. and continue until all stakeholders are heard.

- **Friday, May 21, University of Pittsburgh, Posvar Hall**
- **Thursday, May 27, Mt. Nittany Middle School, State College**
- **Wednesday, June 9, Philadelphia (location TBD)**

The Board places considerable emphasis on stakeholder involvement in its policymaking, so we hope you'll take advantage of these forums and share your views. Please contact Adam Schott, the Board's Executive Director, at (717) 787-3787 with any questions or to reserve a speaking slot.

Sincerely,

Joe Torsella
Chair