Getting Common Core Right: A Blueprint for Success

Learning First Alliance Outlines How to Successfully Implement Common Core Standards to Benefit Students and Families

January 12, 2015 – Washington, DC - The Learning First Alliance (LFA), a partnership of leading education organizations representing more than 10 million parents, educators and policymakers, released a white paper today with key lessons from the field on Common Core implementation: Getting Common Core Right: What We’ve Learned.

“There is more to successful Common Core implementation than simply added time,” said Cheryl Scott Williams, LFA’s Executive Director. “It takes leadership, courage and on the ground support to ensure effective implementation is happening in urban, suburban and rural communities throughout the country.”

Getting Common Core Right: What We’ve Learned details examples from the field and promotes best practices from large states to small districts. In California, state leaders have used a multi-stage process to phase-in the standards and connect them to teacher evaluations. In Toledo, Ohio, significant efforts have been made to involve practitioners in the process to understand the professional development supports necessary for success.

“Common Core standards are essential to helping all our kids achieve at a high-level regardless of where they live,” said Williams. “Over the past year, we have reached out to successful practitioners and stakeholders, asking them to share their experiences and wisdom through the Get It Right Campaign so others can learn from these experiences.”

Lessons learned from those in the field provide an important blueprint on how to take advantage of extra implementation time and make the best use of instructional materials, high-quality professional development and stakeholder engagement to the benefit of children, families, educators and the community at-large.

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