



State of New Jersey

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Discussion Resolution
April 6, 2016

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT REVISED
STANDARDS FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND MATHEMATICS**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Board of Education is empowered, pursuant to P. L. 1990, c. 52, P. L. 1991, c. 3 and P. L. 1991, c. 62, with the authority to establish the State's educational goals and standards, and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education is responsible under N.J.A.C. 6A:8-2.1(a)5 for the review and readoption of our Standards based on recommendations by the Commissioner of Education; and

WHEREAS, the standards define the knowledge and skills students should acquire within their preschool through grade 12 education careers to graduate high school with the ability to succeed in entry-level, credit-bearing academic college courses and in workforce training programs; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education reaffirmed its commitment to review and revise the Common Core State Standards, to ensure that the standards both set expectations for and meet the needs of New Jersey's students, and

WHEREAS, preschool through grade 12 educators, representatives from higher education, business, industry, parents, professional organizations and other stakeholders statewide have provided focused expertise in reviewing the Standards for English Language Arts and mathematics, and

WHEREAS, extensive public input was sought through regional testimony sessions, written comments, online survey, focus groups, and feedback submitted through the Department's website;

WHEREAS, the NJ Department of Education has fully considered the recommendations of the Standards Review Committee, revised the standards accordingly, and now presents them to the State Board of Education for review and adoption; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education and the State Board of Education will further review and refine the standards and expectations based on testimony gathered through public hearings; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the New Jersey State Board of Education approves renaming all preschool through grade 12 Standards the New Jersey Student Learning Standards; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the New Jersey State Board of Education hereby directs that upon adoption these revised standards will become applicable to all students; and be it further

RESOLVED, that district boards of education shall fully comply with this directive and shall implement all Standards, align their curricula with the standards, and ensure all students learn and are assessed as required by federal law; and be it further

RESOLVED, the State Board of Education commends the New Jersey individuals and organizations who have contributed to this revision of the Standards.

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