

**STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

**Resolution to endorse the efforts of the State Board of Education in adopting the  
Common Core National Standards**

In 2009, the National Governors Association convened a committee of teachers, college and university faculty, and workforce experts to develop college and career readiness standards for K-12 education. The Standards are intended to define the knowledge and skills students should obtain within their K-12 educational programs so that they will graduate from high school able to succeed in entry-level, credit-bearing academic college courses and workforce training programs.

Along with 32 other states, the North Carolina State Board of Education has adopted the Common Core State Standards to ensure that students graduate from high school career and college ready.

System Office Staff recommends that the State Board of Community Colleges endorse the efforts of the State Board of Education in adopting the Common Core Standards through the attached Resolution.

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## *Resolution*

### *The State Board of Community Colleges*

**Whereas**, The North Carolina Community College System joins its other education partners in pursuit of the goal that all students who graduate from high school are prepared to go to college or work; and

**Whereas**, this goal must be accompanied by high expectations and academic standards that promote and foster student success; and

**Whereas**, Governor Beverly Eaves Perdue and the State Board of Education have worked to raise the expectations of students and their parents, to embrace diagnostic assessment of student needs, and to promote strong accountability; and,

**Whereas**, the State Board of Community Colleges is focusing the System's planning, assessment and accountability process on increasing student access, enhancing program quality and improving student success; and,

**Whereas**, all parties agree that every high school graduate must obtain reading, writing and math skills to be prepared for college, and 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills to be prepared for the workforce; and,

**Whereas**, the State Board of Education has adopted the Common Core Standards for the public schools as a critical part of "*Career and College – Ready Set Go!*," and,

**Whereas**, the Common Core Standards will prepare students with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in college;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved:** The State Board of Community Colleges endorses the efforts of the State Board of Education in adopting the Common Core National Standards to ensure that all public school students are Career and College Ready.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, two thousand ten.

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Chairman

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President