

**ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Fact Finding Public Meeting on
Common Core State Standards**

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education (SBE) is the K-12 policy-determining public institution for school districts and county offices of education in California. The SBE establishes policy for all of California's local and county schools in the areas of standards, curriculum, assessments, instructional materials, and accountability. It also has the authority to request waivers of certain provisions of the state Education Codes; and

WHEREAS, Common Core State Standards (CCSS) was approved by the SBE on March 07, 2012. The CCSS systems implementation plan is described as a "living document" that identifies major phases and activities in the implementation of the CCSS throughout California's education system; and

WHEREAS, public funds are entrusted to local school districts and county offices of education to be prudently disbursed for the education of California's children; and fiscal prudence and stewardship with taxpayer money is therefore necessary.

WHEREAS, the implementation of CCSS mandates higher expenditures and costs upon school districts and county offices of education, to include but not limited to administrative oversight, the implementation of standards and curriculums, purchasing text books, and student assessments. Potentially unfunded costs will be born by the Orange County Department of Education and individual school districts; and

WHEREAS, the California Constitution in Article XIII B, Section 6 states "*Whenever the Legislature or any state agency mandates a new program or higher level of service on any local government, the State shall provide a subvention of funds to reimburse that local government for the costs of the program or increased level of service;*" and

WHEREAS, the state legislature did not provide full reimbursement to implement CCSS in California's classrooms, thus creating a prospective unfunded mandate; and

WHEREAS, in order to seek monetary relief, school districts and county offices of education may file a test claim with the Commission on State Mandates; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of CCSS in California schools potentially triggers litigation based on issues to include but not limited to abuse of parental rights, invasive assessment testing, and unfunded mandates; and

WHEREAS, the OCBE has witnessed numerous concerned constituents, citizens, parents, teachers, and students who have with great sincerity, earnest, and passion iterated questions, statements, and concerns about numerous aspects of CCSS in public meetings, newspapers, and media; and

WHEREAS, The Orange County Board of Education in accordance with state Government Code section 54950, recognizes "*the people do not yield their sovereignty to the agencies that serve them. The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people insist on remaining informed so that they may retain control over the instruments they have created;*" and

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, the Orange County Board of Education, in the spirit of defining board responsibilities in implementing CCSS, promoting government transparency and public accountability, hereby establishes two (2) public meetings to be held in the fall of 2014, to advance further public understanding of CCSS.

AYES: *BEDELL, BOYD, HAMMOND, LINDHOLM, WILLIAMS*

NOES:

ABSENT:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ORANGE

I, **Dr. Ken L. Williams**, President, Board of Education of Orange County, California hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the said Board at a regular meeting thereof held on the 13th day of August 2014.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 13th day of August 2014.



Dr. Ken L. Williams
President, Orange County Board of Education