



Colleagues,

As you know, our survey of the Common Core Learning Standards started on October 21. To date, we have had 26,469 unique visitors to our [AIMHighNY](#) website; 3,087 of them provided feedback on individual standards. I want to thank those of you who have already given us feedback. If you haven't yet participated in the survey, I urge you to do so. The survey will be open until Monday, November 30.

Many teachers and principals have already logged on to give us feedback on the standards, but we need to hear from more of them. Educators in our classrooms know these standards better than anyone. Their feedback is vital to strengthening the standards and improving teaching and learning for our students.

Our survey is intended to solicit thoughtful, specific responses about individual standards. I understand that it takes time to provide such quality feedback. That is why I am asking that, to the extent possible, your principals help facilitate opportunities for grade-level teachers to gather with their colleagues to discuss specific standards. My hope is that, where possible, teachers will be able to use time during the school day—perhaps during the time they usually have weekly faculty meetings—for this discussion and to enter their feedback into this survey.

Thank you again for your help in encouraging participation. We want as many educators, administrators, parents, school board members, and concerned citizens as possible to enter feedback on the standards into the survey. Together, we can AIMHighNY. Our students are counting on us.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner