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Subject: Higher Education's Support of College- and Career-Ready Standards and Assessments

To: University and Two-Year College Chancellors/Presidents

The Board of Regents has created a web page entitled "Communication Resources for State Higher Education Leaders" to provide university chancellors/presidents and other university leaders with quick access to information about the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Career (PARCC). The URL for the web page is the following:

<http://regents.louisiana.gov/communication-resources-for-state-higher-education-leaders/>

The web page contains the attached document that provides a summary of higher education's involvement in Louisiana in CCSS/PARCC activities during the last four years. In addition, information is available about CCSS/PARCC myths/facts and quick links to documents about CCSS/PARCC that have been prepared by groups in Louisiana (e.g., CABL, LABI, Stand for Children, Next Horizon).

If more in-depth information is needed about CCSS/PARCC, please go to the CCSS/PARCC One-Stop-Shop (<http://regents.la.gov/onestopshop>) that the Board of Regents created to provide colleges/universities and the public with direct access to national and Louisiana resources. If you select "Louisiana Resources," you will be provided access to communications and meetings that have involved higher education in Louisiana during the last four years.

You will find that higher education and the Louisiana Board of Regents expressed support when the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education adopted the CCSS to prepare students to be career- and college-ready. In addition, universities and two-year colleges in Louisiana have been directly involved in the development of the new PARCC assessments since 2011. Colleges of education across Louisiana integrated the college- and career-ready standards into their teacher preparation curriculum this year to ensure that new teachers are prepared to teach the more rigorous standards.

Please be aware that representatives from your campuses who are participating on PARCC Campus Leadership Teams will be meeting tomorrow to interact with BoR, LDOE, and PARCC leaders to obtain updates about CCSS and PARCC. They will be asked to ensure that you and your leadership teams have access to the new information. The information from the meeting will also be placed on our One Stop-Stop-Shop website.

Please feel free to contact me (Jeanne.burns@la.gov) at the Louisiana Board of Regents if you are in need of additional information to respond to questions that you may be asked about higher education's support of college and career-ready standards and assessments that measure the standards.

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