

# COMMON CORE CO-CONVENERS: Education Funder Strategy Group Grantmakers for Education ■ Growth Philanthropy Network

## FUNDERS WORKING GROUP

### Quarterly Meeting

Wednesday, March 26, 2014 ■ 9:30am—11:45pm ET

## How Districts Support Good Common Core Implementation – and How Funders Can Support Districts

**Location:** Education Counsel, 101 Constitution Ave. NW, Suite 900

**Conference Call #:** TBD

#### MEETING OBJECTIVES:

*Quarterly in-person meeting of the Common Core Funders Working Group to:*

- *Understand more deeply the “on-the-ground” perspective of Common Core implementation at the district level; and*
- *Generate new ideas for supporting districts in a critical area of implementation: high-quality professional development for teachers and principals.*

### SESSION AGENDA

Time	Program Component
9:30 – 9:45	<b>Introduction and Context</b> <i>The session focuses on district implementation to demonstrate how strong implementation and teacher support of the Common Core is one of the most things funders can do to strengthen the Common Core</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Melissa Chabran, senior consultant, Education First</li> </ul>
9:45 – 10:05	<b>Icebreaker and Summary of “An Early Look at Early Implementers”</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Katie Cristol, lead author and consultant, Education First</li> <li>• Amber Northern, vice president for research, Thomas B. Fordham Institute</li> </ul>
10:05 – 10:40	<b>Moderated Conversation and Participant Q&amp;A with District Instructional Leaders</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Barbara Martin, deputy superintendent, Kenton County School District, Kentucky</li> <li>• Erin Knoll, current literacy director and incoming assistant superintendent for teaching and learning, District 54, Illinois</li> </ul>
10:40 – 11:20	<b>Small Group Breakout: How Can Funders Help Districts They Support Adopt Leading Practices?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitated small groups</li> </ul>
11:20 – 11:45	<b>Implications for our Sector: What Take-Aways for Philanthropy? What is our role in supporting Common Core standards?</b> <i>Final reflections by funders to take stock of the conversation and what it means for the philanthropic sector</i>