



V. USES OF STUDENT TEST SCORE DATA: WHAT ARE STATES DOING? WHAT WILL THEY DO? WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS AND RISKS FOR STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND LEARNING?

U.S. COMMON-STANDARDS PUSH BARES UNSETTLED ISSUES: FAMILIAR THEMES EMERGE IN RESURGENT DEBATE

Sean Cavanagh, *Quality Counts 2010: Fresh Course, Swift Current*

“It is one of the simplest ideas in American education—and one of the most confounding: Elected officials and educators have been talking about establishing national, or common, academic standards for at least a half-century...” This article reviews the history of the standards movement, including the current state-led effort to develop common standards, and explores some of the challenges that must be met to implement a standards-based system that includes real curriculum, aligned assessments, and supports for improved instruction.

RESEARCH PRIORITIES FOR NEXT-GENERATION ASSESSMENT SYSTEMS

Lorrie A. Shepard, BOTA Workshop: Best Practices in State Assessment, December 11-12, 2009

This slide presentation looks at the research in regard to the development of state assessment and accountability systems in the context of the recent moves toward revising state education standards. It concludes that “To truly transform learning opportunities in classrooms, in ways consistent with what we know is possible from research, we will need to remove policy structures, especially low-level tests that misdirect effort, provide coherent curricula consistent with ambitious reforms, and take seriously the need for capacity building at every level of the educational system.”

RACE TO THE TOP: APPLICATION FOR INITIAL FUNDING— TEACHER EVALUATION PROVISIONS

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These excerpts from the Race to the Top application criteria summarize the expectations of state proposals in regard to teacher evaluation.

TEACHER EVALUATION SECTIONS OF STATE RTTT PROPOSALS (ON FLASHDRIVE)

On the accompanying flashdrive are the teacher evaluation sections from the available state RTTT proposals of Good School participating districts: California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

