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"The best means of forming a manly, virtuous, and happy people will be found in the right education of youth. Without this foundation, every other means, in my opinion, must fail." [George Washington, 1st President](#)

"Upon the subject of education, not presuming to dictate any plan or system respecting it, I can only say that I view it as the most important subject which we as a people may be engaged in. That everyone may receive at least a moderate education appears to be an objective of vital importance." [Abraham Lincoln, 16th President](#)

"Let us think of education as the means of developing our greatest abilities, because in each of us there is a private hope and dream which, fulfilled, can be translated into benefit for everyone and greater strength for our nation." [John F. Kennedy, 35th President](#)

"Education is not a problem. Education is an opportunity." [Lyndon Johnson, 36th President](#)

"Education is not the means of showing people how to get what they want. Education is an exercise by means of which enough men, it is hoped, will learn to want what is worth having." [Ronald Reagan, 40th President](#)

Welcome to The EdGate Observer!

Greetings everyone,

In this month's newsletter, we focus on the most recent educational news pertaining to the MetLife Survey of the American Teacher (Common Core Update), Educational Funding Recommended by President Obama (Hot Topic), Common Core and Pre-Kindergarten Education (Early Childhood Education), Customer Satisfaction (EdGate Services) and following up with new additions to the EdGate Standards Repository (Standards Update).

As always, EdGate is your source for staying current with new developments in education and specifically the impact of educational standards.

Regards,
Sandra Schugren, EdGate General Manager

Common Core Update

MetLife Survey of the American Teacher: Teachers weigh in on their uncertainty about Common Core

The MetLife Survey of the American Teacher: Challenges for School Leadership examines the views of teachers and principals on the responsibilities and challenges facing school leaders, including the changing roles of principals and teachers, budget and resources, professional satisfaction, and **implementation of the Common Core State Standards for college and career readiness (2012)**.

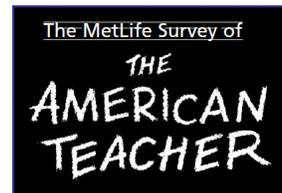
The new survey released on February 21st, indicates that as the transition to the Common Core State Standards presses on, educators who have begun to implement the Common Core are confident that they have the knowledge and skills to meet the challenge, but are less confident in the potential of the new standards to benefit students' academic achievement and readiness for college and careers. Addressing the individual needs of diverse learners is a top challenge for school leaders, and educators.

Chapter 4 of this survey focuses on the Implementation of Common Core State Standards. To read the full survey, visit: [The MetLife Survey of The American Teacher](#)

Hot Topic

More Educational Funding Recommended by President Obama

President Obama is committed to a skilled workforce and college completion. He continues to support the \$8 billion Community College to Career Fund he



"Think about every problem, every challenge, we face. The solution to each starts with education." George H. W. Bush, 41st President

"If we want to invest in the prosperity of our nation, we must invest in the education of our children so that their talents may be fully employed." William Clinton, 42nd President

"You see, we'll never be able to compete in the 21st century unless we have an education system that doesn't quit on children, an education system that raises standards, an education that makes sure there's excellence in every classroom." George W. Bush, 43rd President

"And when it comes to developing the high standards we need, it's time to stop working against our teachers and start working with them. Teachers don't go in to education to get rich. They don't go in to education because they don't believe in their children. They want their children to succeed, but we've got to give them the tools. Invest in early childhood education. Invest in our teachers and our children will succeed." Barack Obama, 44th President

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put forward in last year's budget.

In his State of the Union address, he calls for creating a Master Teacher Corps of exemplary educators in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). He suggests enlisting 10,000 of America's best and brightest science and math teachers to improve STEM education across America's schools. Additionally he recommends funding for modernizing America's high schools for real-world learning and announced a new competition for a redesign of high schools to emphasize real-world learning.

To read the full report, visit: [The President's Plan for a Strong Middle Class and a Strong America](#)

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Early Childhood Education

Common Core and Pre-Kindergarten Education



In a recent article from the Washington Post entitled "[A tough critique of Common Core on early childhood education](#)", several early childhood professionals expressed concern that introducing standards that will ultimately lead to standardized testing, at this young age, will take away from valuable play-based, hands-on learning time.

With Pre-Kindergarten Common Core standards now being implemented in Colorado, Louisiana, Massachusetts, New York and Ohio, for math and language arts, the debate will surely continue.

[New York State Prekindergarten Foundation for the Common Core](#) highlights what the PreK Common Core standards are not and one can only hope that they remain guidelines instead of an assessment tool, curriculum, or checklist.

As a former kindergarten teacher, I must agree that providing an environment rich in exploration and purposeful play for our youngest learners rather than standards based instruction makes the most sense.

For more information please go to the American Journal of Play website and read the books: <http://www.journalofplay.org>

[Crisis in the Kindergarten: Why Children Need to Play in School](#) by Edward Miller and Joan Almon

[Taking Back Childhood](#) by Nancy Carlsson-Paige

Now go outside and play!

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The EdGate Standards Repository is the most comprehensive collection of national and international educational standards containing 1.8 million most recently adopted standards in all subject areas.

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Standards Update

Updates to [The EdGate Standards Repository](#) include:

- * Georgia Common Core - Mathematics (2012)
- * Georgia - Mathematics (2012)
- * Mississippi - Early Childhood Education (2012)
- * Ohio - Early Childhood Education (2012)
- * Oregon - Health Education (2012)
- * Utah - English Language Learners (2012 WIDA)

NOTE: Based out of the UK, the following curriculum has been added to the EdGate Standards Repository with more to come:

- * Edexcel GCSE Additional Science 2SA01(2012)
- * Edexcel GCSE Biology 2BI01 (2012)
- * Edexcel GCSE Chemistry 2CH01 (2012)
- * Edexcel GCSE Physics 2PH01 (2012)
- * Edexcel GCSE Mathematics B 2MB01 (2012)
- * OCR GCSE Mathematics B J567 (2012)

Edexcel - a UK company, is one of England, Wales and Northern Ireland's five main examination boards. The company offers a variety of qualifications, including A levels (GCEs), GCSEs and the BTEC suite of vocational qualifications.

OCR - a leading UK awarding body which provides qualifications engaging people of all ages and abilities at school, college, in work or through part-time learning programmes.

If you have any questions regarding standards, feel free to contact me and I will be happy to assist you. You can always join us on Twitter and Facebook to receive notifications regarding state standards in the EdGate Standards Repository at:

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