

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

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Toward the end of the year, many deadlines occur In the area of curriculum and accountability. Sometimes it seems that May is the busiest time of the year. Teachers begin to take inventory of all of the books and materials that are in their room. MAP testing is over so we are getting the information ready for the parents. Administrators are already planning for next year. They are setting goals, organizing staff development, and developing strategies to meet the needs of the students to come next year.

As we look forward to the next year, we are also keeping track of what is happening at the state level. Common Core Standards are in the review stage at the state level. Soon they will be going through a final read. I anticipate that teachers will be introduced to the new standards by October and will begin to look at our present curriculum to see how it aligns with the new guidelines.

Finally, teachers are assessing how well they have met the goals they set for themselves in August. MAP data, AIMSweb data, and final benchmark testing scores will help the teachers and administrators to evaluate how much our students have grown in knowledge and skills. How well have we done our job? What can we do to help our students continue to meet their growth targets? What have we learned this year that will help us improve learning for next year's students? The answers to all of these and other questions will provide our work for the summer. After all, next year is only a few months away.