

# PRIMARY SOURCES

## AMERICA'S TEACHERS ON TEACHING IN AN ERA OF CHANGE

*The nation's largest survey of more than 20,000 public school teachers across the U.S. reveals their views on American education.*

### TEACHERS BRING PASSION AND COMMITMENT TO THEIR CHALLENGING WORK

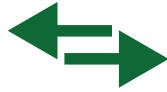


88% agree rewards of teaching outweigh the challenges they face



85% of teachers chose their profession to make a difference in the lives of children

#### MOST SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES TEACHERS FACE:



82%

Constantly changing demands



51%

Not enough time to collaborate with other teachers

#### TEACHERS BELIEVE OPINIONS OF TEACHERS ARE HEARD AND VALUED BY THEIR SCHOOLS AND DISTRICTS:



69%

School



32%

District

### TEACHERS ARE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS, EVEN AS THEY ACKNOWLEDGE CHALLENGES AHEAD

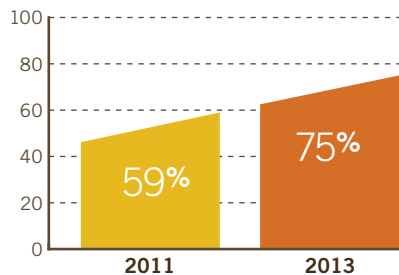


73% of teachers are enthusiastic about implementing the Common Core and 73% believe it will be challenging

More than half of teachers believe the Common Core will be positive for most students



#### TEACHERS FEEL MORE PREPARED TO TEACH TO THE COMMON CORE:



#### TEACHERS WANT MORE RESOURCES TO IMPLEMENT THE NEW STANDARDS, INCLUDING:



76%

More planning time



71%

Quality professional development



67%

Help with inquiry-based teaching questioning

### TEACHERS FIND EVALUATIONS MOST HELPFUL WHEN THEY INCLUDE ACTIONABLE FEEDBACK AND MULTIPLE MEASURES



More than three-quarters of teachers believe they should receive a formal evaluation at least once a year

#### EVALUATIONS RESULT IN VARIOUS OUTCOMES FOR TEACHERS:



69%

Feedback on teaching practice



57%

Ranking or effectiveness score



17%

Supports and resources recommended



13%

Professional learning opportunities customized

### TEACHERS SEEK TO COLLABORATE IN AND OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL TO BEST SERVE STUDENTS

#### TEACHERS COLLABORATE TO:



Sharing resources and lesson plans

76%

Learning from each other's successes and challenges

68%

Discussing how to best meet the needs of individual students

68%

#### THEY USE TECHNOLOGY TO CONNECT WITH EACH OTHER:



57% of teachers use websites to collaborate with teachers

57%

91% of teachers report using websites to find or share lesson plans

91%

#### THEY BELIEVE PARENTS CAN HELP TEACHERS AND STUDENTS BY:



Making sure their child misses very little school

98%

Collaborating with teachers

97%

Setting high expectations

97%