



To: New York State Building Principals
From: New York State Education Department Professional Learning Team
Re: Next Generation ELA and Math Standards Resources
Date: August 17, 2018

Dear New York State Principals,

As you know, the [NYS Next Generation Learning Standards](#) in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics are being rolled out across the state. Through spring 2019, we are working to raise awareness and understanding of the new standards with all stakeholder groups.

This message and the two accompanying resources are coming to you from the NYS Professional Learning Team (PLT). The PLT is a working group comprised of educators from around the state who represent organizations, including BOCES, the Big Five, the School Administrators Association of New York State, New York State United Teachers, the United Federation of Teachers, the Empire State Supervisors and Administrators Association, and the Professional Standards and Practices Board. One goal of the PLT has been to create equitable access to the standards by way of providing supports, tools, and resources that will be helpful to educators and school communities.

We are pleased to provide a short, informative resource that gives an overview of the NYS Next Generation Learning Standards, and have created a short slide deck and a one-page summary about the standards that you may use in any way you think will be beneficial. For example, you may consider using the resources as a part of your opening day or early fall faculty meetings, as well as at parent or board of education meetings. *These resources are not mandated or required in any way, but rather available to you should you choose to use them.*

The resources are meant to be an introduction to the standards, not a comprehensive guide. We encourage you to use them to start or continue conversations aimed at raising awareness of the Next Generation Learning Standards. By using the resources identified in the slide deck ([At-a-Glance](#), [Roadmap](#), [NYSUT guide](#), etc.), you will have talking points to build on and your stakeholder groups will have follow-up resources in addition to the many available on the EngageNY and State Education Department websites referred to in the slide deck.

We hope these materials are helpful to you, and we wish you an excellent start to the 2018-2019 school year!

Sincerely,

The Professional Learning Team