

TRANSCRIPT

PD IN FOCUS V2.0 HELPS EDUCATORS BETTER MEET GOALS

Veteran educator and best-selling ASCD author Harvey Silver explains the promise of the Common Core State Standards.



Now we've reached what we call the "third generation of accountability," and it's the common core. And it's recognized that it's not about the test. It's about whether students can succeed in the future.

The promise is that I can expect from one teacher to another teacher, they'll all be working on the same common core. Look at it: common core. What's common? Common means we're together.

The earliest colonists in America had the commons. That was the center of town where everybody came together. The common core is about what brings us together. It's where we collaborate. It's where we all put our hands in the middle of the huddle and say, "Go team." It's something that we all can support. And we can build it from kindergarten to 1st grade to 2nd grade to 3rd grade so that we can fulfill the promise.

When we look at parents, when we look at our community, when we look at our children, we know what to expect. That's what the common core is about.