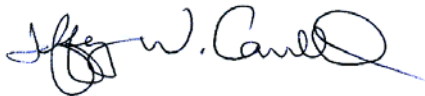




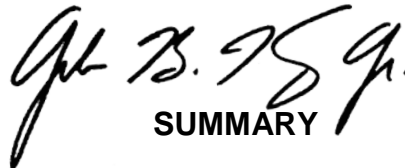
TO: Cultural Education Committee

FROM: Jeffrey Cannell 

SUBJECT: Report on the Uncommon Approaches to the Common Core workshop held August 13 and 14

DATE: September 9, 2013

AUTHORIZATION(S):


SUMMARY

Issue for Discussion

The Office of Cultural Education hosted a two day conference on August 13 and 14 for librarians and representatives of other cultural institutions to introduce them to the Common Core Learning Standards and help them develop methods and approaches to supporting implementation of the Standards. The committee will receive a report on the conference.

Background Information

On August 13 and 14 approximately 275 representatives from libraries, library systems, museums and archives participated in a two day conference, Uncommon Approaches to the Common Core. The conference was held at the Cultural Education Center in Albany. The goal of the conference was to provide professional development and best practice examples for libraries and cultural institutions to support the common core learning standards.

The conference began with a two hour introductory session on the Common Core. A total of 36 concurrent sessions with presentations by practitioners in cultural institutions, educators, librarians and others provided best practice examples. The second day of the conference included regionally organized break-out sessions.

Response from participants was overwhelmingly positive and OCE is developing plans to host another education-focused conference in 2014.