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National Teacher Training Program Presents Webinar Series on Common Core Implementation

DALLAS, TEXAS – Next month, Laying the Foundation (LTF), a teacher professional development program, will host a free, four-part [webinar series](#) explaining how to effectively implement the Common Core State Standards. The series will kick off with an overview webinar presented by LTF Chief Academic Officer Ronda Brandon on Monday, Feb. 6, followed by webinars throughout the rest of the week that showcase English, math, and science.

“Although a wealth of information exists about *what* the Common Core State Standards address, teachers need training and resources on *how* to implement the standards in the classroom,” said Brandon. “LTF Training equips teachers with strategies, classroom-ready activities, and formative assessments that can be used immediately in the classroom. As a company of former teachers, LTF is dedicated to providing English, math, and science teachers with training and resources to effectively implement the Common Core State Standards.”

During “Implementing the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts” on [Wednesday, Feb. 8](#), LTF English Coordinator Michelle Stie-Buckles will guide participants through an actual English lesson to demonstrate how LTF connects to the anchor Standards for Reading, Writing, Language, and Speaking and Listening.

Marilyn Cobb, LTF math trainer and writer, will present “Implementing the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics” on [Thursday, Feb. 9](#). Participants will learn how LTF connects to the Standards for Mathematical Content and the Standards for Mathematical Practice, as well as the wealth of supporting information available to teachers.

“Supporting the Common Core State Standards with LTF Science Lessons,” presented by LTF Assistant Science Director Mary Payton and LTF Biology Coordinator Jason Walker, is scheduled for [Friday, Feb. 10](#). Because no Common Core State Standards for science currently exist, Payton and Walker will walk participants through the ways in which LTF science lessons are poised to support future standards based on the Framework for K-12 Science Education. Many of the LTF science lessons also support the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics and Literacy in History/Social Studies and Science and Technical Subjects, and those connections will be exhibited in the webinar.

Emily Howell, 2012 Louisiana High School Teacher of the Year, attests to the close alignment of LTF Training, lessons, and resources with the Common Core State Standards. “As soon as I saw Common Core and I started reading the standards, I thought, ‘We’re already doing this because we’ve been doing Laying the Foundation for three years,’” said Howell. “The terminology is very similar. The skills are very similar.”

To register for the upcoming LTF webinar series on implementing the Common Core State Standards, or for more information and resources about the standards, visit www.commoncoretraining.org.

About Laying the Foundation

[Laying the Foundation](#), a division of the [National Math and Science Initiative](#), is dedicated to providing the best content-based, pedagogy-driven, teacher-to-teacher training, supported by rigorous classroom-ready lessons and web-based resources to improve the quality of math, science, and English instruction. LTF has trained over 36,000 teachers to date and has demonstrated dramatic increases in Advanced Placement exam participation and success in STEM subjects. LTF believes that training, mentoring, and empowering the teacher corps will lead to high standards of academic excellence for all students.

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