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### Seeking Validation: Common Standards Committee Named

The leaders of an effort to draft common, college-and-career readiness standards have named members of a "validation committee," charged with giving final review to the document. That project is being directed by the Council of Chief State School Officers and the National Governors Association, and a **new draft** is now out for public comment. The list includes a lot of names familiar to devoted *EdWeek* readers, among them scholars and experts in all sorts of education policy areas.

A few of the recognizable: **Linda Darling-Hammond**, Stanford University professor and adviser to Barack Obama's presidential campaign; Lauren Resnick, professor of psychology and cognitive science at the University of Pittsburgh; and, coming to us from Paris, Andreas Schleicher, head of indicators and analysis for the education directorate of the **Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development**, or OECD.

Interestingly, Schleicher is just one of several on the list who has background in international standards and country-by-country comparisons. William Schmidt, of Michigan State, is another. Also included: Barry McGaw, a professor of education at the University of Melbourne, in Australia, who's the OECD's director of education.

Some of those named have **previously** served on separate "feedback" panels, named over the summer, tasked with reviewing earlier drafts of the document. Members of the validation committee were nominated by state and national organizations; final selection was made by a team of six governors and six state education chiefs, according to the CCSSO and NGA.

I'm told that the full list will be posted on the **Common Core standards** site soon.

On a related topic: In case you missed it, the *New York Times* staged an **online forum** this week with comments from various scholars and interested parties on standards. The Cato Institute's Neal McCluskey, Sandra Stotsky of the University of Arkansas, and others offer their thoughts.

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