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Dear Parents, Staff and Concerned Citizens:

I am pleased to communicate with you again and hope you are enjoying the continuing winter season.

As announced previously, and in keeping with our desire to be proactive with our communications, the Communication Subcommittee of the Board of Education is hosting a **Public Information Session, Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at the Avon Free Public Library**. This presentation will be presented using a panel format and will provide information regarding the **Common Core State Standards**, and in particular, what they are and how they are impacting future teaching and learning in all of your schools.

The panel is comprised of the following individuals; Allison Zmuda, Nationally Recognized Trainer, Competent Classroom, LLC, Virginia Beach, VA; Donna Nestler-Rusack, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning; Jodi Kryzanski, District SRBI Coordinator; James Fuller, Ph.D., District Language Arts Coordinator, Grades 7-12; James Murray, Mathematics Department Coordinator, Grades 7-12; John Salerni, Science Department Coordinator, Grades 7-12 and Gary S. Mala, Superintendent of Schools.

**During this session, members of the district's panel will explain how the nationally adopted Common Core State Standards are being incorporated into the district's on-going curriculum revision process as well as its impact on future teaching and learning expectations in kindergarten through grade 12 for students, faculty and staff.**

If you wish to gain a preliminary understanding of these standards and how they are being implemented, you may do so by reading *Implementing the Common Core State Standards* at: <http://www.corestandards.org/> or <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2618&q=322592> for *Common Core Standards in Connecticut*.

Thank you for your continued support and enjoy a productive week.

I remain very truly yours,

Gary S. Mala  
Superintendent of Schools