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*Wednesday, November 4, 2009  
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm*

## **National Education Standards circa 2009: Where do we go from here?**

Please join the Thomas B. Fordham Institute for a lively discussion of this important topic. The march toward national standards passed a key milestone with September's release of draft "Common Core" standards. How solid is that draft? How does it compare to other prominent national and international benchmarks such as NAEP, TIMSS, and PISA? Where do we go from here? And what needs to happen in order for this effort to avoid the unhappy fate of earlier attempts at national standards? Come hear a top-notch panel, moderated by our own Checker Finn.

**November 4  
3:30 PM – 5 PM  
Registration begins at 3 PM  
Refreshments to follow  
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[www.edexcellence.net](http://www.edexcellence.net), and a video recording will be  
available soon after.**

**Panelists:**

**Sheila Byrd Carmichael**, Education Policy Consultant and Co-author of Fordham report, [\*Stars by Which to Navigate? Scanning National and International Education Standards in 2009\*](#)

**Sandy Kress**, former Senior Education Advisor to President Bush

**Dane Linn**, Director, Education Division, National Governors Association  
Center for Best Practices

**W. Stephen Wilson**, Professor of Mathematics, Johns Hopkins University and Co-author of Fordham report, [\*Stars by Which to Navigate? Scanning National and International Education Standards in 2009\*](#)

**Moderator:**

**Chester E. Finn, Jr.**, President, Thomas B. Fordham Institute

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