

## **Parent questions regarding Common Core in the Putnam Valley Schools:**

Will all grades be using the EngageNY domains/modules?"

We have been proceeding with some deliberation and urgency to support our teachers in moving curriculum and instruction toward greater alignment with Common Core Standards. Exploring the modules is part of that journey. We have printed the modules for all K-8 teachers, and they are developing approaches to integrating modules into their curriculum. We are working with our consultants to pursue a thoughtful approach. Thus, we are focusing on standards and how to best ensure that students are exposed to the Common Core objectives, while guiding teachers in analyzing ways to push their good work to a more rigorous level. For example, we are not abandoning the Columbia Teachers College Literacy program, but integrating module activities and challenging text for close reading.

Will PV be switching over to the EngageNY rubric or are we going to continue using our own?"

We are currently reviewing writing rubrics to be sure that students are learning the academic and content language associated with Common Core rubric.

We are treating all of these changes with serious discussion to respect teacher knowledge of their discipline and students. Our goal is to raise expectations for student performance, but not overwhelm. In other words, we are not there yet, but on a journey.

This is a journey we need to take together. Please continue to forward any questions to our building administrators or to the Superintendent at [FWillis@pvcsd.org](mailto:FWillis@pvcsd.org).