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Dear Dr. Reichrath:

Georgia Power has a long and rich history of engagement and support for education in Georgia. Relevant and rigorous academic standards for our students are required to prepare them for post-secondary learning and a career. In order for Georgia to maintain and attract future economic growth, the quality of our future workforce depends on raising these standards.

Based on feedback concerning Common Core, Governor Nathan Deal asked the State Board of Education to conduct a thorough review, which commenced this summer and consisted of public hearings and extensive surveys. A committee of more than 100 teachers, college professors and curriculum specialists reviewed feedback from thousands of participants in order to develop specific recommendations. Those recommendations were reviewed with representatives from the business community who found them to meet industry needs in developing a future and complete workforce.

Georgia Power supports the review and the recommended outcomes. We trust the teachers and instructional leaders in leading this effort and their professional judgment in the rigor in the classroom. We support education and the State Board in their support and implementation of these standards. We recommend the State Board formally adopt the recommended standards currently under public review.

Sincerely,



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