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Common Core Expert to Speak at Wilmington Chamber

Wilmington, N.C. — Karl Rectanus, the lead consultant for education for the North Carolina Chamber Foundation and its Hire Standards, NC Coalition, will speak about North Carolina's Common Core Standards and the controversy surrounding them on Tuesday, April 15th at 8:00 am at the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce (One Estell Lee Place). The NC Chamber's Vision 2030 states that North Carolina must provide support and professional development for teachers as they implement NC's internationally-benchmarked high standards. Karl is leading the initiative, working with business leaders, education groups and other stakeholders as it relates to high standards and high-quality aligned assessments in math and English.

The Common Core standards were drafted by experts and teachers from across the country and are designed to ensure students are prepared for today's entry-level careers, freshman-level college courses, and workforce training programs. The Common Core focuses on developing the critical-thinking, problem-solving, and analytical skills students will need to be successful. Forty-four states—including North Carolina—have voluntarily adopted and are moving forward with the standards.

Media are invited to attend the presentation. Please RSVP to Scott Czechlewski at czechlewski@wilmingtonchamber.org or 762-2611 ext. 216.

About the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce

The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce is the largest membership-based business association in Southeastern North Carolina. The Chamber's mission is to ensure economic prosperity throughout our region. This is accomplished by: creating a diverse, inclusive organization that serves as a strong voice for businesses in the Greater Wilmington area; offering unique membership benefits, services and education; and challenging government officials to address long term community and business interests.

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