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The release of the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (CCSSM) in June 2010 continues a national effort to develop mathematically proficient students. As the publisher and authors of *Math Trailblazers*, we can report that we have also been studying the Common Core Standards for Mathematics and have found that they are based on much of the same research as our curriculum and share a similar vision.

Designing experiences that develop and inform students' conceptual development has been the cornerstone of our curriculum throughout the more than 25-year history of the Teaching Integrated Math and Science Project (TIMS) and the development of *Math Trailblazers*. Like the writers of the CCSSM, our goal has been, and continues to be, the development of mathematically proficient students who can problem solve and think mathematically.

Even before the CCSSM was conceived, TIMS was in the process of gathering research to inform future editions of *Math Trailblazers*. Kendall Hunt also has been working to create curriculum enhancements at all grade levels to ensure alignment to the CCSSM. All adaptations will be digitally accessible through mymathtrailblazers.com, and will be available for use by the start of the 2011-2012 academic year. They include:

- Easy-to-use lesson extension and assessment activities
- Engaging and interactive practice activities that provide assessment data
- Comprehensive correlation documents to ensure lessons are compliant with the new standards

In addition, we are pleased to announce that you will not have to purchase additional print components to achieve alignment to the new standards.

We are confident that the steps we are taking to help you meet and exceed the CCSSM will make an already strong program even stronger, and remain committed to doing all that we can to support you, your students, and your school community during this important period of transition.

As always, thank you for your continued support of and commitment to *Math Trailblazers*.

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