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Hello Mr. Soura,

I hope this finds you well. We definitely would love to include you in our study (see email below), to get your office's perspective on how Common Core implementation is going in your state, what successes and challenges the state has had, and what support the state needs for future work.

Please let me know if you are available for a 60-minute phone call – we will work around your schedule.

Thanks so much for your time and assistance, and I look forward to hearing from you!

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**From:** Mary Elizabeth Mira  
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**Subject:** SREB CCSS project\_Schedule Interview

Hello Mr. Soura,

I hope this finds you well. I am writing you today regarding your participation in an interview for SREB's project, *Benchmarking State Implementation of Common Core State Standards*. SREB is working with Dr. Briana Timmerman, Director of the Office of Instructional Practices and Evaluation at the South Carolina Department of Education, to coordinate your state's participation in the project and she named you as one of the people we should interview as we gather data on your state's CCSS implementation. Allow me to provide a little information about the project—please see the attached *Project Info Sheet*, and below is a summary of what your participation in the interview entails.

- The interview will be conducted via phone.
- We will discuss your state's CCSS implementation and your organization's perspective on the success and challenges the state is encountering, the support the state needs to realize successful implementation and the next steps the state will undertake.
- The interview will last approximately 60 minutes.
- We will record the phone call in order to capture the fullest account of the conversation.
- We will send our draft report on your state to Dr. Timmerman for review and comment before publication.
- Feel free to ask me questions at any time about the project or to contact the project director, Dr. Kimberly Anderson, at [kim.anderson@sreb.org](mailto:kim.anderson@sreb.org) or 404-775-9366.

Please respond to this email indicating 3 dates and times that would be most convenient for you, and we'll work around your schedule.

Thank you very much for your time,

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