

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 473**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***John H. Rogers***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to enable the working group for educator excellence.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/17/2013</i>

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By Mr. Rogers of Norwood, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 473) of John H. Rogers for legislation to develop a validated common core of professional teaching knowledge. Education.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**

An Act to enable the working group for educator excellence.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1.

2 The General Court finds that, in our current education system, the ten  
3 processes that are designed to support educator quality are  
4 frequently disconnected, undermining their collective capacity to  
5 support and sustain educator excellence, and depleting resources  
6 from schools; and,

7 The General Court further finds that when the components of this  
8 system are organized to align with one another and with a common,  
9 research-based, field-tested core of professional knowledge, the  
10 cumulative result is a more effective, unified and efficient system.

11 That system will produce high expertise teaching for more students,  
12 resulting in their improved achievement; and,

13 Therefore, the General Court finds that the passage of this act is  
14 necessary to address the problem of lack of continuity and connection

15 by promoting adoption of a validated common core of professional  
16 teaching knowledge that is integral to all the levers of influence on  
17 teacher quality and expertise in a coordinated and sustainable  
18 manner.