

# NEFMATTERS

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## NEF Welcomes Interim Executive Director

Since the beginning of the new school year, NEF has new hands at the reins following the departure of Director Lauren Rosato. While Gloria Tenofsky may be new to the position, she has been a longtime NEF supporter, colleague and Norwalk School proponent.

Gloria has been a NEF Officer for four years, most recently as Board Co-Chair. She has also been involved in Norwalk Schools as a PTO Officer for her children's elementary, middle and high schools.

"I'm thrilled to be moving into a more hands on role at NEF. I will work hard to ensure that we have the funding to continue the critical work that we do through our programs, training and advocacy to raise student achievement and parent engagement."



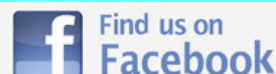
Gloria comes to NEF from the Daily Voice, a publisher of more than 50 online news sites, where she was the Director of Community Relations. Previously, Gloria worked for the global advertising agency Young & Rubicam, and later as a marketing consultant to local businesses. She received her MBA from Columbia University and a BS from Syracuse University.

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## NEF to Focus on Common Core Standards, Technology Training this Year

The 2012/2013 school year will see a number of changes in Norwalk Public

### Be a Friend!



### Our Mission

The Norwalk Education Foundation is an independent, nonprofit organization. Its mission is to enhance the understanding, support and advocacy for educational improvements that sustain and drive student achievement for all of Norwalk's children.

### SAVE THE DATE

#### College Night Panel

Thursday, Nov. 1  
6:00-7:30pm

Norwalk Public  
Library Auditorium,  
1 Belden Ave.

Topics:

Schools and NEF will be there to support them. The largest initiative in the Norwalk Schools is the launch of the multi-year Common Core Standards Plan in preparation for the full adoption of the Common Core State Standards in the 2014/2015 school year. The Common Core State Standards Initiative will establish one set of academic standards in the essential areas of Math, English/Language Arts and eventually Science for all students at each grade level in all the 46 states that have voluntarily adopted them thus far. Assessments will transition from CMTs to national computer adaptive exams for kindergarten through 11th grade. Previously, each state set their own standards and conducted their own tests.

NEF will play a role in that transition, educating parents and the community about the Common Core Standards and what this means for our children. Already a series of community conversations is being planned. We hope to offer a forum on the Common Core in every elementary school this year.

NEF is also designing programs and tools to support the Common Core initiatives. A Math Coach Program Pilot is starting in four schools. With additional funding, Math Coaches will be expanded to all 12 elementary schools. The Math Coach concept leverages our best practice model - Tech Smart Teacher Training - our flagship program that continues on this year.

**Read more about the Common Core State Standards at the Norwalk Public School Website. [Click here](#)**

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## Support NEF

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