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*Teachers, Leaders Convene in Nashville to Help Students Graduate Ready for College, Careers*

*Atlanta, July 14, 2014* — About 5,500 teachers, principals and other K-12 educators from states across the nation gather in Nashville this week at conferences hosted by the Southern Regional Education Board to help students graduate from high school ready for college and careers. All meetings take place at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center.

### [SREB Common Core State Standards Networking Conference](#)

Monday, July 14 – Wednesday, July 16

### [Literacy Design Collaborative and Mathematics Design Collaborative](#)

are flexible frameworks for teachers to collaborate and create lessons— in all subjects — that engage students to read challenging text, express their understanding in writing, become problem-solvers and apply math reasoning skills.

About 1,100 teachers, principals and experts will

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share best practices, instructional strategies and personal stories of struggle and success with these powerful tools.

**Monday at 1 pm: Melinda Gates**, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and an advocate of investing in teachers, will talk with the gathering in the keynote address. The address will be streamed live and archived at [SREB.org/1793](http://SREB.org/1793).

[Work](#) program is the nation's largest school improvement initiative for high school leaders and teachers to raise student achievement and graduation rates.

### [SREB High Schools That Work Staff Development Conference](#)

Wednesday, July 16 – Saturday, July 19

The 28th annual event features hundreds of workshops — for more than 4,300 teachers, counselors, principals and other educators — on improving middle grades schools, high schools and technology centers. National experts and practitioners from schools in more than 30 states will share school improvement ideas ranging from counseling for careers to classroom observations to project-based learning.

**Wednesday at 3 pm: 75 awards** to schools that have made great strides to improve learning for students, and an address by SREB Senior Vice President **Gene Bottoms** on “Finding Solutions to Today’s Challenges”

### [SREB Readiness Courses Institute](#)

Wednesday, July 16 – Saturday, July 19

More than 100 educators will come together to learn to offer these powerful, free courses. [SREB Math Ready and Literacy Ready](#) teach students the skills they need to learn and think independently after high school, in college and careers.

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