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- Partnering with the school, families, and the community
- The Common Core State Standards and what they mean for afterschool and expanded learning
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