CRESST at the California Educational Research Association Conference
December 4-6, 2013
Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim, CA

DECEMBER 4, WEDNESDAY

The Common Core What? Effective Communications Strategies for Administrators and Researchers
3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Monorail A
Course Co-Leader: Ron Dietel, CRESST/UCLA

This mini-course will help those working to communicate district news and research findings on the CCSS and other topics to improve the exposure, relevance, and impact of their messages.

DECEMBER 5, THURSDAY

Project Mobilize: Exploring Big Data in Our Lives
10:15 am – 11:45 a.m., Castle C
Presenter: Christine Ong, CRESST/UCLA

The session will provide participants with a Project Mobilize overview, spotlighting lessons written for Algebra classes in which students collect data via smartphones to investigate the concept of linearity. Project staff will describe the challenge of integrating content and computational practices, which are closely linked to many of the mathematical practices detailed in Common Core Standards.

DECEMBER 6, FRIDAY

Breakfast and Keynote Address: Key Role of Formative Assessment in Common Core Implementation
8:30 am – 10:00 a.m., Ballroom
Keynote: Margaret Heritage, CRESST/UCLA

Teachers’ Formative Assessment Practices in Math
10:15 am – 11:45 a.m., Wilderness
Presenters: Christine Ong, CRESST/UCLA, Deborah La Torre Matrundola, and Kevin Schaaf, CRESST/UCLA

This presentation explores findings from case studies in seven schools analyzing teachers’ formative assessment practices in mathematics. The researchers found that while case study teachers were generally eager to implement Common Core practices, they also expressed the need for further supports and high-quality tools.