1. **What is the difference between a Planning Grant and a Capacity Building Grant?**
   CAPP planning grants have traditionally been given to schools who have written an RFP and need 6 months to a year to plan the implementation of the grant. In these types of grants, funds are given to selected schools in order for them to develop an implementation grant before the rest of the funds are released.

   This Capacity Building Grant is being defined by CAPP as an opportunity to build capacity in 3 areas before writing an extensive RFP to be a CAPP Common Core Demonstration Site. The three areas are 1) building post secondary partnerships, 2) conducting a needs assessment, and 3) designing an evaluation and assessment plan. During the capacity building phase, grant recipients will be expected to attend 3 summer workshops and work as a school team to write and submit a full proposal to be a Common Core site.

   If during the workshops, a school decides they are not ready to write a full proposal, they will then complete a report to CAPP of activities to date.

2. **What are my responsibilities if I am selected as a grant recipient?**
   If selected as a grant recipient, your responsibilities include attending 3 summer workshops with your school team of at least 2 teachers and a school administrator, conducting regional meetings with small groups to develop a proposal to become a CAPP Demonstration Site or to complete a report of activities.

3. **What can the $11,000 funds be spent on?**
   The $11,000 can be spent on travel and hospitality expenses related to conducting regional meetings and/or to compensate faculty and staff for extra duty performed over the summer to ensure a proposal is written, or to offset substitute cost for the teachers involved on the leadership team.

4. **When and where are the summer workshops going to be scheduled?**
   The summer workshops have not been scheduled yet. However, they will be held in July and August. Depending on where the funded schools are located, workshops will be in the north or the south.
5. **How many team members need to attend the summer workshops?**

   The Summer Workshops should be attended by a school team of at least three, a lead English teacher, a lead math teacher, and a school administrator.

6. **What is needed in order to be considered a CAPP Common Core Adoption Site?**

   A common Core Demonstration site will be a site that is selected by CAPP after a competitive RFP. Schools that are selected for the capacity building grant will have an opportunity to write a proposal to be a demonstration site. If selected, schools will have approximately $80,000 a year.

7. **When will we be notified if we are selected as one of the schools for the Capacity Building Grant?**

   Schools will be notified no later than June 14, 2013 if they are selected as a capacity building site.

8. **Do I need to attend an informational session in order to be considered for a Capacity Building Grant?**

   No, there is no requirement to attend an informational meeting in order to be considered for a grant, these are strictly optional.