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## **Tool Developed to Help Schools Assess Classroom Materials For College and Career Readiness**

WASHINGTON, April 13 – The Council of the Great City Schools today released a new tool that it developed to help schools in their selection of instructional materials aimed at preparing students for college and career readiness.

The Council’s academic staff and a team of many of the nation’s foremost experts in reading and mathematics worked for more than a year designing and writing what’s called the “[Grade-level Instructional Materials Evaluation Tool \(GIMET\)](#).” The new tool is aligned with the Publisher’s Criteria and the Instructional Materials Evaluation Tool (IMET) developed by Student Achievement Partners.

“The unique feature of these new tools is that they allow districts, schools, and teachers to review commercial materials on a grade-by-grade basis, and they permit educators at all levels to identify where supplemental materials might be needed,” says Council Executive Director Michael Casserly.

Together with the Publisher’s Criteria, the IMET tool, the Council’s English-language learner framework, and other resources, GIMET should provide school districts with all the tools they need to make informed decisions about which materials are compatible with the Common Core Standards.

The new tools provide selection criteria grade-by-grade in both [English-language arts](#) and [mathematics](#) and have been distributed to big-city school systems across the country. They are also available to others at no cost.

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