**A Shared Vocabulary**

**Educator Evaluation**

**Standards**
Description of professional practice that provides explicit and extensive details of what educators should know and be able to do. Standards are used to evaluate the performance of the educator. Performance level ratings are assigned for each standard.

**Evidence**
A collection of materials or data assembled and selected by educators to support the performance level rating for the professional standards.

**Student Learning**
A long-term description of what students should know, understand and be able to do. Valid evidence of student learning is directly connected to the standards.

**Growth**
Student performances which reveal the application of knowledge and skills within authentic contexts designed to assess growth towards the standards.

**Next Generation Standards**
Growth of an educator’s students, defined by a predetermined student learning goal(s) demonstrated through multiple measures.

Student progression towards the grade-level standard(s).