Tool - Using R.E.A.L. to Identify Essential Standards

One of the first steps collaborative teams take is to identify a small handful of essential outcomes to study together. Use this handout to determine if a standard that you are considering is truly "essential."

Standard we are considering:			
Now, rate the standard we are considering against the following criteria using a scale from zero to five, where zero represents "not important" and five represents "very important."			
Criteria:		**Description:**	**Your Rating:**
R.	Readiness	How important is this standard for student success in the **same subject** in the **next grade level**?	
E.	Endurance	How important is this standard for student success **long after they have left school**?	
A.	Assessed	How important is this standard for student success on **end of grade exams**?	
L.	Leverage	How important is this standard for student success in **multiple subject areas**?	
TOTAL POINTS FOR THIS STANDARD:			

REFLECTION QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

1. Where do you see areas of agreement in the individual ratings of your team members?

2. Where do you see areas of disagreement in the individual ratings of your team members?

3. What outside evidence could you consult when trying to resolve those disagreements?

4. Will you include this standard in your list of essentials for this unit of study?