

Elementary Principals Meeting Wednesday, February 13, 2013

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Updates

- **SED Update**
 - SED has released charts that show the approximate **read times for scoring the 3-8 grade assessments**. There are separate charts for [ELA](#) and [math](#).
 - The 2013-2014 3-8 [testing calendar](#) has been released. The ELA and math tests are separated by the April break. The Regents testing calendar for 2013-2014 is proving to be tricky because of the fact that there will be three new exams. SED has never done three new exams at the same time and time needs to be built in for standard-setting and analysis.
 - SED has re-posted the [memo](#) about student participation in State Assessments. The memo includes talking points that can be used with parents if they are questioning participation in the assessments. It states that there is no provision in statute or regulation opting out of State tests. Opting-out can have negative effects on accountability.
 - PARCC has released its [Technology Guidelines](#), which includes what they think will be the **minimum specifications** in order to administer the computer-based testing elements of the PARCC assessments.
 - The Guide and Test Samplers for the **2013 NYSESLAT** have been [posted](#). The test is partially aligned to the Common Core; we can expect the format to be the same this year and next before another new, completely-aligned, format is employed.
 - SED is posting [resources](#) for **ESL teachers** via the NYS Bilingual Common Core Initiative. Instead of calling them Standards for English Language Learners they are calling them *Progressions*.
 - More modules have been posted at engageNY.org, including [sample](#) math maps for the [middle-level](#) and for [high school](#).
- **Test Integrity Issues**
 - Read the SAM!
 - Site visits of administration, storage, and scoring happening all over
 - Balanced review of procedures and safeguards with staff is strongly recommended

Meeting Topics

- **APPR implementation**
 - Teacher Evaluation
 - Principal Evaluation – what does that training include?
- **Kindergarten Screening**
 - Will be updating chart about screening procedures and instruments for Onondaga Literacy Coalition, including
 - Dial 3
 - Brigance

- Brain Gym motor evaluation
- Seek volunteers to talk about screening with Community Foundation Measurement Action Team members
 - Please let Jeff know if you are willing to go to a meeting or two with them as they study the impact of Imagination Library on kindergarten readiness
- **Building Schedules**
 - Principals are starting to think about next year's schedule.
 - We discussed different ways that people address:
 - Recess
 - AIS
 - Common intervention periods
 - Common planning time
 - Common planning time for special areas
 - Special education configuration, staffing, and scheduling
 - Copies of some schedules were shared ([click here](#))

Future meetings (and locations)

May 21, 2013

Distance Learning Center