2024 Spring Town Hall Meeting
Meeting Notes

PRESENTATION SLIDES

The 2024 spring town hall meeting presentation slides are available on the Public A&A SharePoint Site.

CONCERNS & CHALLENGES REGARDING UPCOMING CHANGES

- Maintain consistency
  - Changing TTS
  - Keep testing blueprint the same
  - Keep significant changes to a minimum or do all at once

- Outstanding questions for CEE
  - Disconnect for SAT/PSAT, communicate to LEA DTC and school in one
  - College Board needs to offer Saturday testing
  - ISAT not good idea for CEE purpose
  - Multiple grades in same testing session

- House Bill 0566
  - Students who enroll after fall window
  - Exemption impact funding
  - Funding calculation, fall to spring/spring to spring
  - Accountability questions for exemption

- NAEP Communication
  - Technology

- ELPA Communication and areas to improve
  - Field test/KG, time
  - Clarity around individual growth goals
  - Concerns about test length

- Testing system improvements
  - Interim test questions export functionality
  - Student upload thru ISEE would be great
  - Separate shorter test scripts
  - Speech-to-text functionality on practice test
  - Blueprint needs update
  - Audio clarity
- Possible new vendor teacher support onboarding students
- TTS guidance
- Word prediction embedded tool
- Translation equity in ISAT
- Navigation on chromebook
- PTs, part 1 looks like part 2, confusing
- ELA PT scoring issues - still missing 3000 scores, 2000 in Gr 11.
- Translation inequities in math and science test - Spanish students have more translated than other languages. Unfair to students new to country who aren’t English speakers, but might know math/science in home language.

- **IDAA**
  - Add a level called 'IDAA fixed form' and put options in it:
    - IDAA summative ELA/Literacy Fixed Form
    - IDAA summative Mathematics Fixed Form
    - IDAA summative Science Fixed Form

- Flagged response emails
  - More than ever before- 27 flagged responses, went to 174 school coordinators
  - Can a role be created for 'contact' and emails be sent to it…not to all SCs in a building?

**HOW CAN A&A BETTER SUPPORT LEAS IN SY2024-25**

**Money**
- Need more discretionary money to adequately hire personnel to support state fed mandates.

**Webinars**
- Continue with A&A webinars and records
  - Once month
  - One hour
  - Follow up webinar
- Newsletters (keep newsletter)
- Department is very responsive
- Keep webinar recording
- Webinars and slideshows are very helpful
- Continue recording webinars so that we can use them in trainings.
- Put experts (who are already doing the work) in front of people
- Second A&A monthly breakout session- topic specific deep dive
- Keep doing webinars

**Post Webinar session**
- Ideas
  - Topic specific
  - Best practices for topics
  - Publish topics ahead of time
• Similar to how IASDO has started using Jonathan and others to present, hearing processes and tip/tricks from experts in these roles. (How to roster, examples of board reports, etc.)
• More clarity on after webinar (focus topics)

Website updates
• Take down old documents
• Make A&A website for intuitive (FAQs are helpful)

Training Modules
• ISAT-IDAA
• IRI
• ELPA
• Improve resource tool in ISAT portal
• Try not to overlap trainings- many of us wear multiple hats
• Virtual is completely OK and effective for trainings, in person is nice from time to time
• Keep doing "on demand" regional trainings
• Regional trainings- keep going to central locations for DTCs
• Just in time trainings are helpful (data in the spring, interims in the fall)

Communication
• Continue being responsive and available for questions and discussions
• Need clarification on classroom teachers are able to be observers (not proctors)

Vendor Training
• Track data longitudinally

Resources
• Have an index for TAM
• Acronym list
• Option for nightly uploads in TIDE
• For ISAT, SAT, ELPA, IDAA, add a capability by user role to access the student interface and take a test from start to finish to iron out any wrinkles

Federal program conference
• Invite school assessment coordinators
• Make friends (collaborate) with other assessment coordinators
• State ISAT tercile growth training for districts to share out

Virtual testing
• Have a conversation about virtual testing in all assessments

GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT UPCOMING CHANGES

• Early Communication and Technical Specifications
  ○ Changes take place at the beginning of the year
  ○ Support needed with tech setup
• **NAEP**
  - If using school devices, clarity needed on system requirements
  - Request for digital rostering from school sites to be available ahead of time
• **Test Proctor and TA Certification**
  - Create a separate TA Cert for IDAA***
• **IRI/New Vendor Pilot****
  - No train the trainers, need training directly from state
  - Help navigating logistics for new IRI
• **HB566**
  - More info needed on legislation and expectations (L1, L2 exemption)***
• **Changes and Streamlining**
  - Explain in a simple and short document which changes were made and why ****
  - Make important documents more visible and accessible.
  - Streamline "where to find" information*****
  - Get TAM/Scripts out early
• **Text to Speech Guidance***
  - Include "scribe" for text to speech guidance
• **Blueprint Update**
  - ISAT standards must match blueprint **

### FALL CONFERENCE TOPICS AND FEATURES (* = VOTES OR REPETITION)

• **Essential Standards and Test Blueprints**
  - Connecting standards to targets ***
  - Understanding blueprints
• **Test Security***
• **Accommodations and Accessibility Features**
  - Data Deep Dive on accommodations and accessibility
  - Training across tests
  - District-managed process of uploads into the portal
• **Best Practices**
  - Model after IRI conference
  - Other LEAs who are thriving in certain areas**
• **P/SAT Training**
• **ISAT Online and Instructional Resources**
  - Tools for Teachers
  - Resources and guides
  - Navigating the website
  - Interim assessments**
• **Data Literacy**
  - Reporting platforms**
  - Data literacy/deep dive***
• **DTC Role Specific**
  - 1/2 day new coordinator training***
  - Test scheduling and proctors
  - Don’t necessarily schedule over Fed. Programs sessions
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