ASSESSMENT & ACCOUNTABILITY QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Will a senior who did not take the science EOC be required to take the Science ISAT in order to graduate?
  Karlynn Laraway: No- science assessment participation is not a requirement for graduation

I thought Foreign Exchange students were exempt from ISAT. Did this change?
  Karlynn Laraway: They are able to participate, but their scores will not go towards the overall assessment score

The 12th grade participation requirement of 95% goes away this year (regarding ISAT science). Correct?
  Karlynn Laraway: Yes- participation will be based on junior year numbers

(Re: parent/staff/student surveys) If it's based off the December ISEE info, do we need to have our new students take the survey?
  Kevin Whitman: Yes- go into your roster and add new students that have enrolled

If we receive the links today, could parents go ahead and submit surveys? We have PT Conferences today/tomorrow.
  Kevin Whitman: They will open on the 13th- so yes, we can open them out for tomorrow

With the repeal of math, English and science standards how will this alter our school and ISAT testing?
  Karlynn Laraway: The standards have only been voted on by the House Education committee- the Senate Education committee still has to vote. Please continue with instruction as you have been doing all year. Nothing has changed for assessments as of today. More info will come from us as it becomes available. So as of today- please proceed as normal with instruction and assessment.

Will we need to appeal those 8th and 11th grade alternate science students who won't participate in the regular science ISAT this year?
  Karlynn Laraway: No- we already have that information
Will there be any changes by AIR for Speech-to-Text and Word Prediction? Last year they changed what programs would be supported. This year, they've taken down any references to STT/WP in the Resources section.

**Karlynn Laraway:** Let us refer back to Cambium and we'll get back to you with the answer.

Update 2/14/20: (From Cambium) The information you’re looking for regarding Word Prediction appears on pages 9-10 of *Assistive Technology Manual* and Text to Speech on Pages 4-6 of *Assistive Technology Manual*.

We also offer a short blurb about WP and TTS in the Technology Setup Quick Guide. This appears on pages 9-10 of *Technology Setup Quick Guide*.

Will the SC-ALT (South Carolina Alternate Assessment) practice test still be available after the testing window opens?

**Karren Streagle:** Yes. Practice tests will be available all year long.

Is there a chance the Science will be available in February in the future? We have many high school students who do not have Science in the third trimester.

**Karlynn Laraway:** Since the ISAT science is comprehensive, the window could possibly be expanded in the future. However, keep in mind that we want to give students the best possible chance to learn everything that will be on the assessment.

Accommodations for it are the same as last year? Will it have new accommodations developed? Particularly thinking about ASL. (re: new science ISAT)

**Karlynn Laraway:** Since we are still developing the field test, accommodations are limited. As items are developed, they'll be as fully accessible as possible while developing.

Is there any guidance on how to administer the ISAT Science test? For example, estimated time is 60-120 minutes. Can it be divided into two sessions? How does the test function if it is divided into multiple sessions? (Can kids go back to previous questions or not?) What are the stopping/pausing rules? Does it expire? If so, how many days from start to expiration?

**Karlynn Laraway:** Yes, there will be guidance. Time can be broken up, although 90 minutes has been sufficient for most students. The student has to answer the question on the page before moving on, but they can flag the question and come back to it. The stop/pause rules are the same as on the ELA/Math ISAT- if the student pauses for less than 20 minutes, they'll be able to access questions they have already answered, and move on; if it is 20+ minutes, they will be unable to go back to the questions they answered before they paused. There is no expiration date at this time- but that may change when the test is
operational.

Are new sample items connected/available in the content explorer (re: ISAT)?

Karlynn Laraway: Yes

Just confirming the ISAT Sample and Training test do not close, like the interims do?

Karlynn Laraway: That is correct- they'll be open all year

Edit/Update 2/19/20: AVA/AIRWays will remain open through the summative window, but they will close during the yearly roll over.

(Re: IRI Administration) How has the administration changed for this spring?

Alayna Knop: Administration has NOT changed- the manual has just been updated to offer more and specific guidance