

ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVAL



STATE BOARD MEETING DATE February 25, 2013

SUBJECT: Update on PARCC Implementation

SUBMITTED BY: Leila Williams, Associate Superintendent for Assessment and Accountability

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW: _____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Arizona is a governing state in the Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Career (PARCC). We have committed to administering the new assessments beginning Spring 2015. The State Board will receive regular updates on the progress of the Spring 2015 PARCC assessment.

UPDATES FOR FEBRUARY 2013:

- **PARCC COLLEGE-AND CAREER-READY DETERMINATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL MATHEMATICS:** The Governing Board and ACCR agreed on a policy that establishes which PARCC high school mathematics assessments should be used to make college- and career-ready determinations for students. For years 1-3 of operational administration, the CCRD in math will be based on an enhanced version of the Algebra II or Math 3 assessments. Based on an evaluation of data gathered after one cohort of students has taken all three PARCC end-of-course assessments, this could change in the future.
- **RETEST POLICY OPTIONS FOR PARCC SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENTS:** The Governing Board approved PARCC's creation of retest opportunities for grades 3-8 and high school. PARCC will offer retests once per year for grades 3-8 ELA/literacy and mathematics and three times per year for each high school end-of-course assessment.
- **PARCC ACCOMMODATION POLICIES:** Three draft accommodations policies have been released for public comment, including drafts for reading accommodations, writing accommodations, and use of calculators. A draft policy for ELL accommodations will be released in early April.
- **DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF PARCC DIAGNOSTIC AND K-2 TOOLS:** The Governing Board approved the design for PARCC's K-2 tools and diagnostic assessments. An RFP for the development of these assessments will be released in the next few weeks.
- **CONTRACT APPROVED FOR FIELD TESTING:** A contract has been approved for field testing. Now that the contract has been approved, guidance should be available in the near future to districts and LEAs regarding how to become involved with field testing for PARCC.
- **PARCC 2.0 IN DEVELOPMENT:** PARCC 2.0, which will go into effect once the grant period has expired, is in the planning stages.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: INFORMATION ACTION/DESCRIBED
BELOW:

ATTACHMENTS: YES NO