

ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVAL _____

STATE BOARD MEETING DATE August 26, 2013

SUBJECT: PARCC Updates

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MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

July 3, 2013 - PARCC released information about the non-summative components of the PARCC assessment system. These components are additional tools and resources for students, teachers and parents to support student mastery of the knowledge and skills found in the Common Core State Standards, which will be measured by the PARCC assessment.

July 12, 2013 - The U.S. Department of Education released the Race to the Top Technical Review to chart the progress made by the state consortia that received Race to the Top Assessment (RTTA) grants. The review found PARCC's assessment development is "generally on track," the highest rating possible.

July 17, 2013 - PARCC released the final grade- and subject-specific performance level descriptors (PLDs) in English language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics.

July 22, 2013-PARCC Cost Estimates embargo was lifted.

July 25, 2013 – PARCC released Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual for the summative assessments.

Field Test - spring of 2014, the PARCC Field Test will be administered across PARCC states. The purpose of the PARCC Field Test is to examine the quality of items so that PARCC can build assessment forms for the 2014-2015 school year, as well as to test out assessment administration procedures.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: [X] INFORMATION [] ACTION/DESCRIBED
BELOW:**

ATTACHMENTS: YES [X] NO []