

Smarter Balanced Assessment Team

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From the Test Director: Update on Smarter Balanced Reporting Embargo:

Thank you all for respecting our embargo on public release of Smarter Balanced results. I've been interested in the many uses you've found for the quick turn of student test scores, and to the best of our knowledge all schools in Vermont adhered to our shared commitment to use data without releasing it.

Now that we are closing in on the end of testing, we are ready to remove the embargo in three steps:

- **On or After June 1 - Individual Student Reports May Be Released**
- **On or After June 20 – Preliminary School and District Level Results May Be Released (with caution, see below)**
- **Mid-August to Early September – State Results Will Be Released**

I've received a few gentle nags from schools that would like to send home the Smarter Balanced Individual Student Reports with end of the year report cards. I'm happy to announce that will be possible, but need to remind you that since teachers may not be available to discuss results with parents, please make sure to include the [Parent Report Guide](#) that can be downloaded from the Assessment Portal. You will also find directions on the portal for [batch printing](#) the Individual Student Reports.

We also recognize that there may be legitimate reasons why a school or district may want to have group level test data available before statewide results come out later in the summer. As long as you can account for all of your students you may generate those reports in the Online Reporting System once the testing window closes on June 20th. However, I do need to offer a note of caution. Once the Agency has finalized the spring census data we will make corrections to your Smarter Balanced files to account for students who have received health exemptions, students who participated in the DLM assessment instead of Smarter Balanced, and other additions or deletions that will result from the participation verification process. Based on the census, we will also update student demographic information including things such as IEP or Free-Reduced lunch status. For these reasons, you should label any results you release as "preliminary" and be prepared for instances where the final state results may be different from your preliminary analysis. Also, to ensure confidentiality, you are prohibited from releasing public reports on groups that have less than 10 students.

Michael Hock, State Assessment Director

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Educator Opportunities Update: Digital Library & Item Reviews

Being in a consortium has many benefits, one of which is the opportunity to have professional development at little to no cost to the local education agency (LEA). These opportunities are not just for English and math teachers. The consortium also needs teachers from other disciplines! Science, social studies, special education and ESL teachers are also needed. Please keep your colleagues in mind and pass these opportunities along.

Digital Library: It looks as though the dates and location for the summer workshop will be from July 26th through the 27th in Dallas, Texas. I will know the number of slots awarded to Vermont on or near June 1st, and will send participant names at that time.

Assessment Item Review: Look for invitations to come the week of June 6th. If you do not get accepted on the first round, your name will be put on a waitlist. There is still a possibility that you may receive an invitation at later date. I am also going to make sure that educators receive information regarding waitlist status. If you haven't already done so, please forward a summer contact email so I am able to contact you directly with further updates. If you aren't included on the first round for the Item Review, I may be able to offer the Digital Library opportunity.

Please contact Linda Moreno [linda.moreno@vermont.gov] if you have any questions or would like to know more information about the type of work you will be performing.

Testing Progress: Completion Tally: Friday, May 27



2016 SBAC Assessment Tally – Vermont: Week 11					
Total # of Students Registered:	Completed the CAT Summative Assessments		Completed the Performance Tasks		Total # of Tests Completed to Date:
45,545					165,116 (90.6%)
Grade / #	ELA	Math	ELA	Math	All
11: 8,901	5,859	5,897	5,813	5,850	23,419
8: 6,121	5,899	5,876	5,809	5,856	23,440
7: 6,025	5,811	5,823	5,742	5,815	23,191
6: 6,109	5,933	5,962	5,880	5,944	23,719
5: 6,195	6,015	6,031	6,016	5,982	24,044
4: 5,984	5,822	5,850	5,777	5,822	23,271
3: 6,210	6,012	6,063	5,926	6,031	24,032