

Smarter Balanced Assessment Team

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From the Test Director

If you are not already aware, the Spring 2016 Smarter Balanced Assessment window opens in just 11 days (March 15), and will stay open for the better part of 3 months, closing on June 20th. From this point forward, we hope to publish a newsletter each week and will do our best to feature answers to the questions we receive, both common questions and those you may not know you should be asking. As a reminder, you can still access the archive of newsletters we published last year. You can link to a “clickable” topical index [here](#). We wish you all a successful testing experience and high scores for all your students.

Michael Hock, State Assessment Director

Online Reporting System (ORS) Webinar

American Institute for Research (AIR) will be hosting a webinar on expedited reporting and navigating the ORS to retrieve results from the 2015-16 Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments. Starting with this administration, educators will have “quick turn-around” access to student results. There are some restrictions to this feature that will be discussed during this presentation. You can read all about expedited reporting in the archived copy of the [February 22, 2016 newsletter](#). In the meantime, please register for one of the following webinars. Webinars will be recorded and posted to the portal at a later date.

Training Dates:

- [March 8, 2016, 3:30-4:30 p.m.](#)
- [March 9, 2016, 3:30-4:30 p.m.](#)

Email Updates

Did you know that you can receive email updates about TIDE and the Test Delivery System? You can get information about webinars, TIDE & TDS downtimes, technology updates, and notification of new posts in the portal by signing up for [email updates](#).