

What do school boards need to know?

- **COST** – All the direct costs for development, administration, scoring and reporting the Smarter Balanced Assessments will be covered by the State of Vermont
- **SCHOOL/DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES** – (1) computers, (2) access to the internet, (3) headphones or earbuds, (4) tech support for set-up, (5) staff for test administration, (6) released time for training test administrators
- **TECHNOLOGICAL DEMANDS** - SBAC will place mild to moderate demands on the technology infrastructure of typical US schools. No Vermont schools have requested to use the pencil and paper alternative.

Geoff Fletcher, State Educational Technology Directors' Association: "If a school can't handle these tests then the school has much bigger problems because their students will not be able to access all the excellent digital learning tools that are being introduced every day."