# Accountability and Curriculum Reform Effort • January 2011 Status Report to NCSBE

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## Major Work Streams: Update

### Standards and Toolkits
- Social Studies standards adopted in December 2010
- Guidance, Health and PE standards (version 2.0) posted for feedback this winter
- Instructional Toolkits first priority tools are unpacked content, learning progressions and content-specific formative assessment
- Toolkits will include the foundational material for PD to transition to new standards starting this spring

### Professional Development
- Summer LEA Leadership Training will kickoff professional development for the Common Core and Essential Standards; the blended approach (face-to-face and online) will provide LEA teams with tools and information needed to provide training in their local districts; training will begin in the summer of 2011
- Conversation with LEARN NC and TOPS is underway to determine the vehicle for the online PD component

### NC FALCON
- Providing technical assistance through RESAs based on the 30 NC FALCON Implementation Plans received that describe how districts will utilize NC FALCON in 2010–11
- Increasing teachers’ awareness of NC FALCON with brochures and FAQ documents

### Communication
- Distributed final 2010 ACRE Newsletter and will coordinate with FYI@DPI for newsletters in 2011
- Working with communications team to begin plans for RtT communication around professional development and standards

## Accountability
- Board agreed on the main indicators to be used in the new accountability model
- Department and Board continue to work on the approach and decisions around the assessment(s) that will be used to measure post-secondary readiness
- Simulations of new model started
- Formal feedback on the proposed new model from North Carolina educators in 2011

## Instructional Improvement System (IIS)
- Releasing an RFP in January to contract with a consultant to design the IIS and detail the features and technical specifications for the system
- Working with NCAE to schedule focus groups and working sessions with teachers across the State

## Next Generation Assessments
- Updating the Readiness for Online Assessment report for publication in January
- Began LEA meetings in preparation for writing a Best Practices for Online Assessments Guide
- Developed an Online Assessment Liaison group to work with LEAs interested in transitioning to online assessment

## Writing Instruction System (WIS)
- The WIS Writing Plan Submission feature is now available. LEAs can upload writing plans directly into the WIS Moodle
- Sending letter to superintendents regarding the WIS data audit for the 2010-2011 school year in early January

## NEXT STEPS IN COMING MONTHS:
- Focus groups for IIS to be held statewide
- Health, PE and Guidance standards to the Board this winter
- Simulation results for new accountability model brought to Board this winter
- Continue development of instructional toolkits and visioning of the rollout of professional development for the new standards