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

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### Major Work Streams: Update

#### Standards and Toolkits
- Health and PE standards posted for feedback and brought to State Board of Education for Discussion in February
- 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
- Dates and locations have been determined for the Summer Leadership Institutes

#### NC FALCON
- SERVE has been awarded a contract for evaluation of NC FALCON
- DPI received 80 district implementation plans and is serving 18,000 NC FALCON users

#### Communication
- First ACRE edition of FYI@DPI was distributed for internal communication on January 13
- Working with communications team on a contract and other plans for RttT communication around professional development and standards
- Submitted an article for the NCAE News Bulletin (March edition)

### Accountability
- 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 will be solicited from North Carolina educators in 2011

### Instructional Improvement System (IIS)
- Preparing RFP to contract with a consultant(s) to design the IIS and detail the features and technical specifications for the system
- Partnering with NCAE to schedule statewide focus groups and working sessions with teachers

### Next Generation Assessments
- Addendum to April 2010 Online Readiness report is being presented to the SBE in February and will be sent via a Friday Update
- Scheduling and holding LEA meetings in preparation for writing a Best Practices Guide for Online Assessments
- Completed test specification meetings for general assessments in the four tested content areas
- Completing item development for the spring 2011 online item tryout in selected grades/content areas

### Writing Instruction System (WIS)
- LEA Writing Plan submission into the Moodle was active as of December 15, 2010 (37 LEAs/Charters have uploaded their plans)
- Auto Score feature made active as of January 18, 2011
- All keyed student responses entered into the WIS are being run through the auto score tool with results, explanation, and teacher feedback now available

### NEXT STEPS IN COMING MONTHS:
- Finalize outline for Best Practices Guide and gather information through discussions with LEAs
- 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
- Improvements to WIS interface