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

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### Major Work Streams: Update

#### Standards and Toolkits
- Crosswalks and Unpacking documents for each content area have been posted on the ACRE website.
- Toolkits will include the foundational support materials needed to assist teachers in the transition to new standards.
- Guidance submitted for discussion (May).

#### Professional Development
- DPI teams working collaboratively to develop and design Common Core and Essential Standards online modules.
- DPI teams working collaboratively to develop and design Summer Institute Training Implementation Guide and presentation materials.
- Informational webinars were provided for LEA and charter school teams (attending the summer institutes).

#### NC FALCON
- SERVE’s evaluation began with focus groups held in Wake County and scheduled in Moore County.
- University pilots continuing with Fayetteville State and Lees McRae.
- Scheduled video shoots for formative assessment components and content-specific videos to be embedded into NC FALCON.

#### Communication
- Gathered information for a 2011-12 school year calendar for teachers with tips and information to prepare for 2012-13 and the implementation of new standards and assessments.
- Began communication work with R+M (through an RttT contract).

### Accountability
- Recent reductions in testing by the General Assembly require adjustment to the proposed model including revision of the post-secondary readiness measures and student achievement measures.
- Simulations of new model in process (testing different weightings to determine the implications of the weighting).
- Planning for presentation of preliminary simulation results and analysis to the SBE and field in spring 2011.

### Instructional Improvement System (IIS)
- Conducted interviews with vendors for the IIS planning RFP.
- Partnering with NCAE to schedule statewide focus groups and working sessions with teachers.

### Next Generation Assessments
- Completed all LEA/Charter visits and discussions in preparation for writing the Best Practices Guide for Online Assessments.
- Determined outline and case study examples for the Best Practices Guide.
- 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. As of March 15, 2011, 94 LEA Writing Plans have been uploaded.
- Grade 6 Social Studies PAQ (Primary Artifact Questions) project will be available to the field by August 1, 2011.

### NEXT STEPS IN COMING MONTHS:
- Prepare draft of Best Practices Guide and submit for review by April 30.
- Continue with the development of learning progressions and curricular supports for NC FALCON.
- Develop two additional PD modules for the WIS.
- Develop FAQ to answer questions about the Summer Institutes.
- Administer the spring 2011 online item tryout and analyze data.