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

## General Status

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## Major Work Streams and Status

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## Standards, Instructional Toolkits, and Online Writing
- Released *Developing Local Curricula* module for peer review
- K-12 Curriculum and Instruction staff developing Phase 2 Instructional Tools (Graphic Organizers, Learning Maps, Formative Assessment Exemplars, and Unpacked Standards document for Social Studies elective courses)
- Summer Institute presentations, presenter notes, and sample session agendas posted to the ACRE website
- Grade 6 Primary Artifact Questions available for student/teacher activity
- Online Writing Instruction is available for registering students
- Scoring rubric is available in Online Writing Instruction

## Professional Development
- Common Core State and NC Essential Standards training for principals and assistant principals in progress
- Common Core State and NC Essential Standards trainings underway at RESAs
- Common Core K-5 Math training conducted in August (3 locations)
- Integrated Math Awareness Sessions (5 sites) in progress
- Common Core State and NC Essential Standards scheduled training for IHEs on October 7, 10, and 13
- Common Core State and NC Essential Standards training for charter schools (November 3)

## NC FALCON
- SERVE evaluation of 2010-11 has been completed.
- Year 2 of Wake County Pilot has begun. Activities completed: training of new project participants, SMART tools training, observations, reflection meetings with the teacher, strategic planning meetings
- NC FALCON webinar to discuss move to NC Education and technical difficulties resulting from the move
- Inviting universities to use NC FALCON during October PD meetings with Educator Recruitment and Development

## New Accountability Model
- The ACT will be given to all 11th graders on March 6, 2012, and will *not* be used for accountability in SY 2011-12.
- The PLAN assessment will be given to all 10th graders in the testing window in December 2011 (Dec 5-16). PLAN will only be used for diagnostic purposes.
- ESEA Flexibility documents released outlining process and requirements for achieving a waiver from some NCLB requirements and sanctions.
- North Carolina will use the work in developing a new accountability system in the application for ESEA Flexibility
- ESEA Flexibility requires setting new Annual Measurable Objectives and identifying reward, priority and focus schools.

## Instructional Improvement System (IIS)
- CELT (External Planning Team) is developing RFP (working on draft 3)
- Meeting with states to explore multi-state RFP options
- Participated in vendor demonstrations to understand the marketplace
- Working with NCPTA to set up parent/student focus groups
- Working with NCAE to set up IIS webinars
- Restructuring IIS teams and revising timeline

## Next Generation Assessments/Instructional Technology & Digital Reform
- Held LEA Test Coordinators Drive-In Meeting on September 29
- Leadership approved test specifications for ELA, Math, and Science
- Preparing for administration of the ACT by reviewing timelines and logistics such as accommodations
- Integrating Instructional Technology into additional PD plans for 2011-12
- Continue work on teacher and administrator standards for Digital Literacy

## Communication
- Worked out a new schedule for FYI@DPI in combination with the RttT version; first combined issue was distributed to staff on September 26
- Continued working with RttT communication team to plan for teacher and principal meetings for the spring of 2012 (logistics/toolkits/presentations)

### NEXT STEPS IN COMING MONTHS:
- Continue with the development of learning progressions and curricular supports for NC FALCON
- Continue 2011-12 PD through RESA partnerships
- Continue regional meetings on Teacher Effectiveness and the New Accountability Model
- Revise unpacking documents based on feedback
- Release RFP for scoring of English II constructed response items