

To: Marlinton Board of Education  
From: Mrs. Anna Minor, Assistant Superintendent  
Re: RttT Update  
Date: November 14, 2013

1. Students at the High School completed online tests in math and social studies for the OPAPP project in early November. The process was another look into what our students might be expected to do in the upcoming PARCC assessments. Overall, the project has gone fairly well. The time allotted for certain steps did not compare to the actual time needed. The Learning Tasks (similar to the Performance Tasks coming) took far longer than expected and the assessments were much shorter than expected. On December 10, our entire group will be trained in evaluating the assessments and will evaluate students' responses from around the state.
2. The Race to the Top State conference was held at the end of October in Columbus and my main focus was testing, testing, testing along with the TGRG. A few of the updates are listed below with more decisions to come from ODE:
  - Current freshman will take the OGT but that test will be aligned to only the new standards. They will also take the PSAT along with some of the end-of-year assessments.
  - Current 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be the first to take the PARCC assessments for graduation requirements. Further clarification for graduation requirements is coming.
  - If you entered high school and took the OGT that will remain the standard to pass. So if a student fails one of the sections of the OGT, then the student will continue to take the exam to pass for graduation.
  - Kindergarten students will now be taking a required seven-part evaluation as part of the Kindergarten Entry Assessment. The areas for testing include: Social Foundation, Language and Literature, Math, Science, Social Studies, Physical and Well-Being and Motor Development, and finally Fine Arts. The test will take approximately one hour one-on-one.
  - The science and social studies will lean heavily on technical writing.
  - We will need to adopt a promotion policy to address the mid-year and end- of-year promotions due to the TGRG.
3. There are several technology skills necessary for testing:
  - Keyboarding, cutting and pasting, highlighting, using on-screen calculators, dragging and dropping items, manipulating a graph, running a simulation to test data, changing font size and background color, selecting items, utilizing spreadsheets and documents and using a secure browser...to name a few