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Dear DTCs,

This technology update contains information about the following topics:
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Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)

KITE/DLM - Local Caching Service Software Update
This spring, students with significant cognitive disabilities will take the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)-developed English language arts and mathematics assessments. The KITE system is DLM's online interface. All districts and schools using the KITE Local Caching Server will need to upgrade to the February 6th, 2015 release version before DLM testing begins. We will release more information when the software is available.

CMAS: Science and Social Studies and PARCC English Language Arts and Mathematics

TestNav8- New URLs to Whitelist
The required TestNav8 white-list URLs have been updated for the Spring 2015 Administration. This message applies to testing environments with secured networks that halt all unapproved Internet traffic. The URLs listed below are mandatory for TestNav8 to function during secure testing, and must be allowed on any firewalls, proxy servers, or software used for the Internet:

  *.thawte.com

  *.pearsontestcontent.com

The following URL is optional and is not required for TestNav8 to function successfully:

  *.google-analytics.com

Also, please note that the URL "s3.amazonaws.com" is no longer required for TestNav 8.2.

Documentation related to the whitelist URLs is being updated and will be available at the below link:

https://support.assessment.pearson.com/display/TN/TestNav+8.2+Requirements

TestNav8 and PearsonAccessnext Version Updates

PearsonAccess[next] is the online assessment management system used for the PARCC English language arts and mathematics assessments. A new version of PearsonAccess[next] will be available on February 14th, 2015. Users will not need to take any action to accept this update.

PearsonAccess[next] enhancements will include: Additional Order email notification to the approver, setting the test section resume so students can test out of order, and the PNP form determination for students needing accommodations.

TestNav8 was recently updated (to version 8.2). The updated version is available and updates are reflected in the science and social studies ePATs, PARCC online tutorials, practice tests, and sample items, and within the secure practice tests on the training site. Users will not need to take any action to accept this update on Windows or MacOS devices. TestNav8 enhancements include:

- Equation Editor updates
- Pallets that are visible at all times for all versions of Equation Editor
- Added an "End Section" button to Review Screen
- Added a confirmation pop-up to the Submit button
- The exhibit Window is now moveable
- Text-to-Speech functionality now includes a "Setup" button and Speed controls
- New low color contrast, gray on green, option
- Improved Color Contrast & Magnifier functionality
- Added support for new Operating Systems iOS8, Mac OS 10.10, Android Lollipop, Linux (Firefox web browser only) – Fedora 19 & 20, Ubuntu 12.04 & 14.04

TestNav 8.2- iPad Chrome and Lollipop Apps Released

On January 17, Pearson released new TestNav App updates for ChromeOS (Chromebooks1.3.58), iOS (iPads v1.1.3), and Android devices running the Lollipop Operating System. All of the impacted devices will need to have the most current version of the TestNav App to successfully launch secure tests, including those available through the training sites.

The TestNav ipad app v1.1.3, the Chromebook app v1.3.58, and the Android apps v1.3.4 are available in their respective app stores.

TestNav8.2 - Global Proxy and iPad

The technical bulletin posted to the below link provides a workaround to customers previously unable to use TestNav8 on iPads with a global proxy. The procedure detailed in the bulletin will enable students in organizations using this iPad setup to successfully log in to their online test sessions. This is not a Pearson recommended configuration. https://support.assessment.pearson.com/display/TN/TestNav+8+-+Global+Proxy+and+iPad

TestNav Infrastructure Trial Resources

The documentation for the infrastructure trial technology set-up is provided below:

Quick Start Guide to Test a CMAS Assessment Environment - Word 1-15-2015

PARCC Infrastructure Trial Readiness Guide Version 2.1- Weblink (PDF)

Collin's Virtual Office Hours for DTCs
Districts may call in to Collin's virtual office hours with any technology questions about the Pearson TestNav or DLM KITE technology environments. Office hour details are below:

Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. MST

Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. MST

Link: http://connect.enetcolorado.org/collin/

Phone: 1-888-228-9561