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Dear District Technology Coordinator:

This technology update contains information related to the following topics:

- New Proctor Caching Software Available
- Important Update: TestNav 8.3 Release
- Updated TestNav Apps for Android, ChromeOS, and iOS
- Installable TestNav 8.4 Expected Release Date
- Technology Guidelines for PARCC Assessments v5.0
- PARCC Technology Operating System Support Diagram
- ACCESS for ELLs 2.0

New Proctor Caching Software Available

A new version of Proctor Caching is available for the 2015-2016 testing year. This new version of Proctor Caching is not required. Proctor Caching software from previous years will continue to operate effectively. However, the new version is recommended and includes functionality to customize the password used to purge test content. As a reminder, Proctor Caching software can only be installed on Windows or Mac OS X devices.

- Proctor Caching Installs: <http://parcc.pearson.com/technology-setup/>
- Proctor Caching Requirements: <https://support.assessment.pearson.com/x/PQACAQ>
- Proctor Caching Guide: <https://support.assessment.pearson.com/x/HAACAQ>

Important Update: TestNav 8.3 Release

A new version of TestNav8 (TestNav 8.3) was released on July 31, 2015. The enhancements contained in this release will be made available in the online Tutorials, Practice Tests, and Sample Items, and within the secure Practice Tests taken through the PearsonAccess^{next} Training site. Users will not need to take any action to accept this update on Windows or Mac OS X devices.

TestNav8 enhancements include:

- A new Review Overlay feature to replace the Review Screen
 - The option to “Flag” items during review has been changed to “Bookmark”
- The TI Graphing Calculator tool will save state when moving from question to question
 - The TI Graphing Calculator tool is only available in secure tests, such as tests taken through the Infrastructure Trial process
- An updated Practice Test Report design
 - The report can be seen in the PARCC Online Practice Tests after clicking the “Submit Final Answers” button when finishing a test

Updated TestNav Apps for Android, ChromeOS, and iOS

Updated TestNav Apps for Android, Chromebooks, and iPads will accompany the release of TestNav 8.3, and are currently available for download from their vendor application stores. Following the release of TestNav 8.3, all older versions of the TestNav App on these devices will no longer be able to access secure tests. An error message will occur requesting that the device be upgraded to the latest version of the TestNav App.

Instructions for installing and configuring the TestNav App for all devices can be found here:

<https://support.assessment.pearson.com/x/HgACAO>

Installable TestNav 8.4 Expected Release Date

Pearson is planning a TestNav 8.4 release that will contain the installable TestNav Apps for supported Windows, Mac OSX, and Linux operating systems. The installable TestNav App will reduce Java dependency. The release is currently scheduled for late September/early October. CDE will send out a Technology Update once the date of the TN 8.4 release is confirmed.

Technology Guidelines for PARCC Assessments v5.0

The Technology Guidelines for PARCC Assessments v5.0 is now available on the PARCC website:

<http://parconline.org/assessments/administration/technology>

These updates reflect TestNav 8.3 requirements. Updates in this version include:

- Firefox browser version requirements updated to version 38+
- Chrome OS requirements updated to version 43+
- Operating systems no longer supported: Windows Vista, Windows XP, MacOS 10.6, iOS 7
- Browser versions no longer supported: Internet Explorer 9, Internet Explorer 10, Safari 5.x, Google Chrome (all versions)
- Java versions no longer supported: 1.6 and 1.7

PARCC Technology Operating System Support Diagram

An Operating System Support Diagram has been developed to help schools and districts determine which technology solutions are available for PARCC online testing, and which ones make the most sense in their environment. The diagram below is also posted under Technical User Guides at

<http://parcc.pearson.com/technology-setup/>.

ACCESS for ELLs 2.0

Beginning in 2015-16, the WIDA Consortium is offering an updated version of the ACCESS for ELLs assessment for grades 1-12. The assessment is commonly referred to as ACCESS 2.0. and will be available in both online and paper/pencil formats. Check with your District Assessment Coordinator to learn which format your district plans to use to administer ACCESS 2.0 for the 2015-16 school year. Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) is providing the online testing system and support for ACCESS for ELLs 2.0.

Available Resources:

- WIDA Technology Website (including requirements)-
<https://www.wida.us/assessment/access20-tech.aspx>
- Technology Coordinator Checklist-
<https://www.wida.us/assessment/Technology%20Coordinator%20Checklist%208.06.15.pdf>
- Recommendations for Headset Specifications document -
<https://www.wida.us/assessment/ACCESS%202.0/documents/Headset-specifications.pdf>

Here is the timeline for release of training and materials for District Technology Coordinators preparing ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 assessment environments:

- **September 4th 2015:**
 - DRC System Release: WIDA Assessment Management System (WIDA AMS) available.

- WIDA Assessment Management System - Account Setup module release.
- WIDA Assessment Management System Documents Download module release.
- **Mid-September 2015:** CDE ACCESS for ELLs 2.0. DTC Overview Webinar.
- **October 5th 2015:**
 - Technology User Guide released.
 - WIDA Assessment Management System Testing Site Manager (TSM) module released and available for download from DRC.
 - WIDA Assessment Management System INSIGHT Test Engine module released and available for download from DRC.
- **Wednesday October 7th, 2015, 3:00pm CT:** WIDA Technology Coordinator Overview Webinar (live webinar, to be recorded) Registration link:
<https://wida.webex.com/mw0401sp13/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=wida>
- **Friday October 9th, 2015, 10:00am CT:** WIDA Technology Coordinator Overview Webinar (live webinar, to be recorded repeat of 10/7 webinar) Registration link:
<https://wida.webex.com/mw0401sp13/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=wida>
- **January 11 - February 12, 2016:** ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 operational testing window.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
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