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This technology update contains information about the following topics related to CMAS: Science and Social Studies and PARCC English Language Arts and Mathematics:

- **Proctor Caching software version 2014.1.15**
- **Precaching Test Content Options in PearsonAccess^{next}**
- **New TestNav Application Update (iOS and ChromeOS)**
- **PearsonAccess^{next} 2.2 Release**

One Proctor Caching Device Can be used for all TestNav Delivered Assessments.

If you set up a proctor caching device for the PARCC English Language Arts and Mathematics PBA assessment, the device will be capable of serving all TestNav content for the Science and Social Studies assessment as well as for the PARCC English Language Arts and Mathematics EOY assessment. Assessment content can be served simultaneously if your test windows overlap. The current Proctor Caching software version is 2014.1.15. This version of the software must be used for all CMAS: Science and Social Studies and PARCC English Language Arts and Mathematics assessments.

Precaching Test Content Options in PearsonAccess^{next} (PARCC English Language Arts and Mathematics)

There are two options for precaching content in PearsonAccess^{next} :

1. **Precaching Content by Sessions-** This option caches only the forms needed based on student test assignment within the session. If this option is selected, follow the steps below:
 - a. Choose "Sessions" under the Testing tab
 - b. On the Sessions screen, search for the sessions that you would like to precache or use the Search arrow to select "Show all results" to bring up all sessions in your organization
 - c. Select session(s) you would like to cache.
 - d. Select Precaching Test Content from the Select Tasks menu
 - e. Click Start
 - f. Click the View Status button to bring up the Proctor Caching Interface
2. **Pre-cache by Test** – This option provides the ability to cache ALL available forms by test, rather than by session. If this option is selected, follow the steps below:
 - a. Go to *Setup > Precache By Test*
 - b. Select the test(s) and the Precache Server for each organization
 - c. Click **Precache**

PARCC and Pearson have been working to ensure technology readiness for the administration windows. The intention is to limit the number of changes occurring to systems and processes at this late stage. However, the following updates are intended to put forward the best possible systems for the upcoming administration. Additional detail about the impact of the changes is included below.

New TestNav Application Update (iOS and ChromeOS)

- iOS app version 1.3.1
 - Through evaluation of potential causes for application crashes, Pearson identified that in less than 1% of scenarios on iOS, the issue could be isolated to examinees rapidly tapping/selecting inline choice (drop-down) item interactions. This update resolves the issue.
 - *Recommendation:* It is strongly recommended that districts complete the update to prevent this issue from occurring. If unable to update, this issue should be of very limited occurrence. If a student does encounter this, the application can be updated, or a student can be resumed and continue testing from where they left off.
 - Select the hyperlink to access the direct link to instructions for [setting up your mobile device](#).
- ChromeOS app version 1.3.59
 - In some cases, when the application is not updated to the latest version, a 3017 error occurs (You cannot take this test with your browser. To take this test, use the TestNav 8 App). The error can be resolved by updating to the latest version of the application by uninstalling and re-installing the application. This optional update allows the app to be updated through a device restart, rather than requiring a full uninstall.
 - *Recommendation:* It is strongly recommended that districts complete the update to prevent this issue from occurring. If unable to update, this issue should be of very limited occurrence and if it does occur, uninstalling the application and reinstalling will resolve the issue.
 - Select the hyperlink to access instructions for [setting up your mobile device](#).

PearsonAccess^{next} 2.2 Release (Reminder about the previously communicated PearsonAccess^{next} release for PARCC English Language Arts and Mathematics)

- As scheduled, the PearsonAccess^{next} 2.2 release is now available with the features that were requested, as well as the following enhancements to features and functionality:
 1. **New Feature!** Print Student Test Tickets in different views
 2. **New Feature!** Support for out-of-order unit testing (Set Section Start)
 3. **New Feature!** Pre-cache by Test - Ability to cache ALL content by test, rather than by session
 4. **Enhancement!** Resume Student "Easy" button - Ability to resume students from the "Students in Sessions" screen without initiating a task
 5. **Additional Order Email notification:** Ability to indicate an Additional Order Email Notification for each organization

1.) New Feature! Print Student Test Tickets in different views – Grid View, List View, Detail View – 4 per page or Detail View – 1 per page. Follow the steps below:

- Go to *Testing > Sessions*
- Select down arrow to the right of **Search**
- Check **Show all results**
- Select a session
- Click on **Go to Students in Sessions** above the Tasks menu
- Select the session under the Session List field on the left side of the screen

- Click on **Download Resources**
- Select any of the following: Grid View, List View, Detail View – 4 per page, or Detail View – 1 per page.

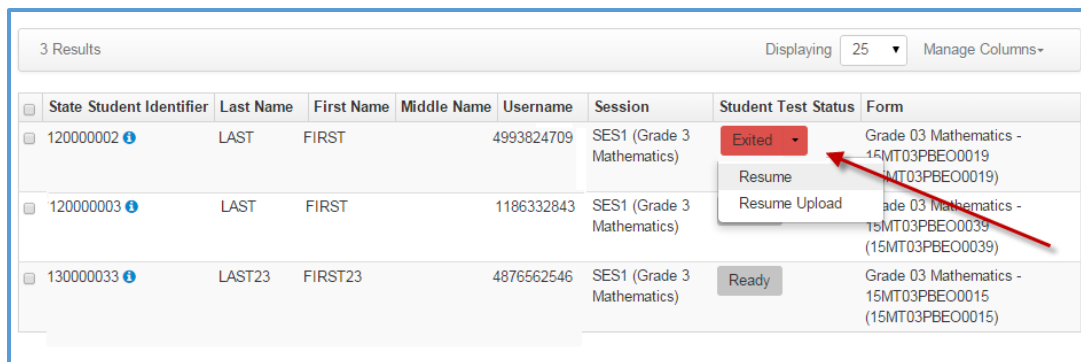
2.) New Feature! Support for out-of-order unit testing (Set Section Start). As a reminder, PARCC units can only be tested out of order if students are making up missed units. Follow the steps below:

- Go to *Testing > Sessions*.
- Select down arrow to the right of **Search**.
- Check **Show all results**.
- Select a session.
- Click on **Go to Students in Sessions** above the Tasks menu.
- Select the session under the Session List field on the left side of the screen.
- Select a student in the test session.
- Select **Set Section Start** under the **Tasks** drop down menu and select **Start**.
- Select student in session to Set Section Start.
- Select Unit/Section in the dropdown.
- Click **Save**.

3.) New Feature! Pre-cache by Test - Ability to cache ALL content by test, rather than by session:

- Go to *Setup > Precache By Test*
- Select the test(s) and the Precache Server for each organization
- Click **Precache**

4.) Enhancement! Resume Student "Easy" button - The ability to resume students from the "Students in Sessions" screen, without initiating a task. :



The screenshot shows a table with 3 results. The columns are: State Student Identifier, Last Name, First Name, Middle Name, Username, Session, Student Test Status, and Form. The first two rows have a dropdown menu for 'Student Test Status' with options: Exited, Resume, and Resume Upload. A red arrow points to the 'Resume' option. The third row has a 'Ready' button.

State Student Identifier	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Username	Session	Student Test Status	Form
120000002	LAST	FIRST		4993824709	SES1 (Grade 3 Mathematics)	Exited	Grade 03 Mathematics - 15MT03PBEO0019
120000003	LAST	FIRST		1186332843	SES1 (Grade 3 Mathematics)	Resume	Grade 03 Mathematics - 15MT03PBEO0039
130000033	LAST23	FIRST23		4876562546	SES1 (Grade 3 Mathematics)	Ready	Grade 03 Mathematics - 15MT03PBEO0015

5.) Additional Order Email notification: Ability to indicate an Additional Order Email Notification for each organization. Follow the steps below:

- Go to *Setup > Organizations*
- Select down arrow to the right of **Search**
- Check **Show all results**

- Select an organization
- Select **Create/Edit Organizations** under the **Tasks** drop down menu and select **Start**
- Select the organization under the Organizations field on the left side of the screen
- Confirm the Email address for the state designated approver
- Click **Save**

Create / Edit Organizations

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Organizations (1)

Create Organization

SAMPLE SCHOOL (ZZ-654321-4321)

Details

Type

School/Institution

Parent Organization*

SAMPLE DISTRICT (ZZ-654321)

Organization Code*

ZZ-654321-4321

Program Type

73056 - Adult Basic Educatic

Organization Name*

SAMPLE SCHOOL

Administrative Funding Control

Public School

Short Name of Institution

County ANSI Code

000

PARCC Organization Type

K12 School

Economic Research Service Rural-Urban Continuum Code

☐ Closed

Additional Order Notify Email

APPROVER@SCHOOL.COM

Note: Please verify that your Participation and Contact Information are complete and accurate.

Save

Reset