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Dear District Technology Coordinator:

This technology update contains information related to the following topics:

- CMAS: TestNav Expected Behaviors
- CMAS: Reading TestNav Log Files
- CMAS: Standardized Online Administration for District Technology Coordinators
- DRC: Access 2.0 Administration

CMAS: TestNav Expected Behaviors

Pearson has created a document designed to help users who encounter behaviors in TestNav that are different than anticipated or do not appear to be working properly, but are non-critical limitations or are working as designed. Examples of this may include how particular items are displayed or how tools function within TestNav. Pearson has compiled expected behaviors for all supported online testing platforms that districts and schools can reference as they continue their final preparations for the PARCC 2016 Spring Administration. This document can also be referenced by coordinators and administrators during testing to more quickly respond to some student questions.

<http://avocet.pearson.com/PARCC/Home#15087>

There is one additional expected behavior unique to Colorado's Simulation item type in the Science and Social Studies assessments. The simulation play button and the error messages become invisible when the student selects the "white on black" contrast setting.

CMAS: Reading TestNav Log Files

This document provides a high level overview on how to interpret TestNav log files. It includes how to locate the log files and basic meanings of the strings frequently contained in the file. Here is the link:

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/assessment/readtestnavlogfile>

CMAS: Standardized Online Administration for District Technology Coordinators

We want to reinforce local district standardized test security training for the CMAS administration by reminding DTCs and staff of the following:

- Any software that would allow secure test content on student computers to be viewed on another computer must be turned off.
- No cell phones or other communication, reproduction or recording devices are allowed during test sessions unless required for accessibility.
- Only students, Test Administrators/Examiners, and authorized school, district, state personnel, or state-sanctioned test monitors may be in testing areas during administration.

We have updated CDE's Technology Readiness webpage with a new section titled Test Security that contains documents that apply to standardized test administration and test security. The new section includes the following documents:

- Security Agreement - PDF
- Spring 2016 CMAS and CoAlt: Science and Social Studies Procedures Manual - PDF
- CMAS: Standardized Online Administration for District Technology Coordinators – PDF

Here is the link: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/assessment/newassess-dtc>

DRC: Access 2.0 Administration

CDE would like to thank you and your staff for your efforts during the first online administration of ACCESS 2.0. We want everyone to know that despite the issues with the Testing Site Manager (TSM) software and slow customer service from DRC, Colorado's statewide test completion rate was over 99% with less than .25% of online tests that were incomplete when the test window closed. We have heard from districts the great effort it took from IT departments to support the ACCESS 2.0 testing and we congratulate you; the hard work and dedication of your staff are the reason for this result. Because of this effort, you have removed several burdens from your local test administrators, including having to score the speaking domain themselves, and having to manage the chain of custody requirements involved with paper testing. DRC is listening to the consortia's concerns and CDE looks forward to playing an active role in improving their online testing platform for future administrations.

If you have any questions, please contact Collin Bonner, Bonner_C@cde.state.co.us

Thank you,
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