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Subject: WEST to NES Tests—State and National Benchmark Timelines

In response to your request for information regarding the option to replace some WEST tests with adoptions of tests of the National Evaluation Series (NES), we have prepared the following sample implementation timelines.

Chart 1: Adopting NES Tests Based on National Benchmarks

Tasks	Timeline	Possible Dates
PESB adopts NES tests	--	March 2013
Approve contract	Following PESB adoption	May 2013
Program website update	Following contract approval	May 2013
Open test registration	Day following program website update	May 2013
Conduct initial test administration	Day following open test registration	May 2013
First data reporting	Released within 4 weeks after test administration	June 2013

Chart 2: Adopting NES Tests Based on State Benchmarks

Tasks	Timeline	Possible Dates
PESB adopts NES tests	--	March 2013
Approve contract	Following PESB adoption	May 2013
Recruit advisory panels for conferences	Following contract approval	June 2013
Program website update	Following contract approval	July 2013
Conduct state standard setting	Following advisory panel recruitment	August 2013
Adopt passing standards	Following state standard setting	September 19, 2013
Open test registration	Following adoption of passing standards	October 2013
Conduct initial test administration	Day following open test registration	October 2013
First data reporting	Released within 4 weeks after test administration	October 2013