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TO: WWSU K-8 Teachers of Mathematics

cc: *WWSU Administrative Team*

From: Sheila Rivers, Director of Curriculum

Date: August 19, 2010

Re: WWSU End of Year (EOY) Mathematics Assessments

Summary of Mathematics Assessment Expectations

The K-8 non-negotiables for mathematics were completed in Spring of 2010. The resulting WWSU local assessment plan includes the PNOA for grades K-2, and end of year (EOY) assessments in grades 3-8. Additionally, assessment data will be collected for the CMP2 Units this year within VCAT, and for Investigations next year. A summary of the various program assessment initiatives follows.

PNOA

Full implementation with established benchmarks for Fall and Spring.

September 13-30- Fall Testing Window: **All Data into VCAT by Oct. 8**

January 24- Grade Level Data Team Meetings for all teachers to review data and discuss instructional strategies: 2nd Grade 8-10 a.m., 1st Grade 10:30-12:30, Kindergarten 1-3 p.m. (*snow date January 31*)

March 23- *PNOA Leadership Team Members Only* 8:00-12:00 Prepare for the Spring PNOA administration (*snow date March 30*)

May 2-27, 2011: Spring Testing Window: **All Data into VCAT by June 3**

EOY Assessments for grades 3-8

This will be the pilot year for the EOY assessments. The end of the year assessment will be given at all grade levels at the beginning of this year and at the end of the year. We need to collect data at the beginning of the year and end of the year so we can analyze student results to determine the reliability and validity of the assessments. All assessment PDF files, answer sheets, etc...are found on VCAT under the curriculum tab, in the math folder by grade. As there are two forms of the assessment. We will be piloting both this year. In subsequent years we will rotate forms. Because the same test will be used at both the beginning and end of the year- please do not "go over" the test with the students at any point.

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For this year:

VALLEY SCHOOLS/HUMS- Form 1

THATCHER BROOK/CROSSETT BROOK- Form 2

Fall Testing Window: **Start of school- Sept 17**
All Data into VCAT by **Oct. 1**

Spring Testing Window: **May 2-27, 2011**
All Data into VCAT by **June 3**

This should not be a stressful event for students. Instead, encourage students to "do their best", and understand that they will learn about all of the mathematics on the assessment during the year and that we're just trying to "see what they already know" about math at their new grade level. The assessment will take approximately one class period or less. All students should participate in the assessment unless their IEP states that they would be exempt from NECAP.

CMP Unit Assessments

This year we will be collecting student performance data in VCAT for *each* unit assessment in CMP in grades 6 and 7. In time the results of these assessments will guide us in the modification and/or adaptation of the program *in unison* based on student results. As teachers, you are not limited to only these assessments, but do need to submit this end of unit assessment data at minimum. Recall that work on individual year-long implementation maps began last year in the CMP group to support the completion of the program within the school year. If you have not already done so, **please share these maps with your administrator and send me a copy as well.** This will be a critical step in monitoring the implementation to assure fidelity of the program implementation.

There was one agreed upon change that you're likely already aware of. **Two sixth grade units: Prime Time, and Bits and Pieces 1 were moved to fifth grade permanently.** This year both fifth and sixth need to teach the units (6th should move quickly through these however). These will replace the two units in *Investigations* that references the same content.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns!