PARCC Test Administration Windows for 2015-2016

During the 2015-2016 school year we will be transitioning to a new PARCC test design. This new design will be implemented beginning with the administration of the spring 2016 assessments.

As RIDE previously announced, the spring 2016 PARCC assessments will be administered during a single testing window comprising 30 school days for computer-based testing and 15 school days for paper-based testing. In order to determine the PARCC testing window for Rhode Island, RIDE conducted a survey of superintendents. Responses from the 30 districts/LEAs (Local Education Agencies) that completed the survey indicated there was no clear consensus among LEAs. As a result, RIDE will offer some flexibility in an effort to meet the specific needs of LEAs across the state.

For the spring 2016 testing window, LEAs must choose one of the two options outlined below. NOTE: RIDE will share a process in September for each LEA to confirm its respective testing window for each mode (e.g. computer or paper) as applicable.

Spring 2016 PARCC Testing Window Options for LEAs

OPTION 1: *Adjusted 5 days to accommodate April vacation*	*COMPUTER*-BASED TESTING (CBT) **March 28 - May 13, 2016**	Preliminary results will be returned to the LEA by June 15, 2016 for CBT.
	PAPER-BASED TESTING (PBT) **April 4 - April 29, 2016**	Preliminary results are dependent on how quickly materials are returned for PBT.

OR

OPTION 2: *Adjusted 5 days to accommodate April vacation*	*COMPUTER*-BASED TESTING (CBT) **April 11 – May 27, 2016**	Preliminary results will be returned to the LEA by July 30, 2016 for CBT.
	PAPER-BASED TESTING (PBT) **May 2 – May 20, 2016**	Preliminary results are dependent on how quickly materials are returned for PBT.

Fall Block 2015 PARCC Test Windows*

The 2015 Fall Block tests will maintain the same design as the 2014 Fall Block administration [e.g. *Performance Based Assessment* (*PBA*) and *End of Year* (*EOY*) administrations]; however, 2016 (and beyond) Fall Block tests will mirror the spring 2016 assessments.

Performance-Based Assessment (PBA)	*COMPUTER-BASED TESTING (CBT)* **November 30, 2015 – December 18, 2015** *PAPER-BASED TESTING (PBT)* **December 7, 2015 – December 18, 2015**
End-of-Year Assessment (EOY)	*COMPUTER-BASED TESTING (CBT)* **January 11, 2016 – January 29, 2016** *PAPER-BASED TESTING (PBT)* **January 18, 2016 – January 29, 2016**

*NOTE: *Fall Block testing only applies to high schools that use block scheduling.*