

# CCSESA FOCUS

## A Weekly Update to County Superintendents of Schools

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### **SBAC Field Test “around the corner”**

The start of the field test of the Smarter Balanced assessments is now less than one month away. The field testing begins on March 18 and continues through June 6.

Hopefully all the school districts in the state are engaged in actively preparing for the coming field test. Following are resources that we believe will be useful during the coming months:

The Field Test Flash is a new outreach tool from the California Department of Education designed to deliver up-to-the-minute information about the upcoming Smarter Balanced Field Test. Expect to see these communications often. To join the Field Test Flash listserv directly, please send a blank e-mail to [subscribe-CAASPP@mlist.cde.ca.gov](mailto:subscribe-CAASPP@mlist.cde.ca.gov).

Perhaps the single most useful resource is the Educational Testing Service website, California Technical Assistance Center (CaTAC). The link is: [www.californiatac.org](http://www.californiatac.org).

CaTAC is also the single official point of contact for technical support. The contact information is (800) 955-2954 or [caltac@ets.org](mailto:caltac@ets.org).

The Consortium for the Implementation of Common Core State Standards, in cooperation with the Sacramento County Office of Education and CCSESA, has developed a technology readiness website that will go live on February 27. That website is designed to help sort through the large and growing volume of information by providing categorized, reviewed and vetted websites and documents for assisting schools, school districts and county offices of education. The website will be [www.BeTechReady.org](http://www.BeTechReady.org).

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