

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION REPORT  
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**Smarter Balanced Assessment-**

This will be the first year to implement the new Missouri Assessment Program test. The new test will be aligned to the Missouri Learning Standards and has been developed by the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium. All students in grades 3-8 will be given the test in English Language Arts and Math. Fifth graders and eighth graders will also be tested in the area of Science. The ELA and math assessment will be an adaptive type test which means the questions students receive will be based on how they have answered previous questions. The MAP test will be completely online starting this year. DESE is currently providing a series of webinars to provide information to districts on technology requirements as well as information regarding what district and school testing coordinators need to do to setup the test administration. With the new online testing system, districts will receive their students' scores 10 days after the close of the testing window. This will allow more timely feedback and staff will be able to use the data in planning for instruction the following school year. The MAP testing window opens on March 30, 2015 and closes on May 22, 2015. Our district's testing window must fall within this timeframe.

**Book Studies-**

The administrative team is currently reading the book, Motivating and Inspiring Teachers by Todd Whitaker, Beth Whitaker & Dale Lumpa. This is part of our district Communication and Staff Recognition plan. The elementary staff is currently reading The Leader in Me by Stephen R. Covey. New teachers at the middle school have been reading First Fifty Days of Teaching, Keeping Momentum Strong During the Middle of the School Year and Finishing Strong by Robert DeBruym. The high school leadership team is currently reading, Fair is Not Always Equal by Rick Wormeli.

**Summer School Update-**

We have selected the courses to be taught during summer school and have submitted the information to Catapult. Catapult is preparing the promotional material to be used for student recruitment and will be sending that to us within the next few weeks.