

SBAC UPDATE #1

Principals,

This is a first in a series of brief SBAC Updates that will be sent out periodically.

- Recall that our testing window is six weeks, beginning April 7th and ending May 16th.
- There are four **“black-out” dates** that have been announce when no testing will take place due to system maintenance (more than likely internal monitoring) on the SBAC side. These dates are both consecutive Thursday-Fridays and include **April 10-11 and May 8-9**.
- Beginning now, and extending through March, I am scheduling site visits with administration to discuss preparation considerations. If you haven't already done so, please send me an e-mail with a date and time that would be convenient for me to come out and meet with you or your designee. Preparation involves three major categories:
 1. SBAC Lock Browser that can be loaded remotely by your Tech Support Technician on non-Chrome Book stations where students will test. This can be done at any time, and any previous Lock Browser will need to be replaced with this year's version. Chrome Books will come with their own Lock Browser.
 2. Training test examiners on how they will manage the testing session(s) for students
 3. Providing students exposure to the SBAC Practice Test and/or Training Test.
- Beginning late February, and through March, I would like to conduct site staff training on sub bullet #2 above, should a site training be considered beneficial.
- Beginning late February and through March, we will conduct weekly voluntary training opportunities in the VLC Lab to review sub bullet #2 & #3 above that will be very similar to the sessions conducted for those sites that participated in the Pilot last year.

Please reply with any question you might have since this will help in formulating an FAQ bank that I can make available.

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