



# TEST NOTES

May 28, 2008

## ...MOVING INTO SPRING 2008!

Here is an update of what's been going on in the Office of Student Testing!

This spring, 5,081 Virginia Grade Level Alternative (VGLA) assessment binders were scored during our big event at the Dulles Expo Center in early May. This included 56 writing, 4,104 reading, 743 mathematics, 152 history and 26 science binders. The scoring event was a great collaborative effort. Many thanks to all of you who helped to make this scoring event a success! The scores have been entered and validated. There are still 382 math binders and 20 civics binders remaining to be scored. These will be scored on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

In addition to the VGLA collections, 2,221 Virginia Alternate Assessment Program (VAAP) collections of evidence were scored and validated. Results are beginning to come in for both VGLA and VAAP and will soon be available to the schools. Watch for a testing memorandum with the directions for accessing these results in PEMSolutions™, our test management system from Pearson, vendor for all state-wide assessments.

Our modified calendar schools, Glasgow, Falls Church, and Stuart are currently finishing out their SOL Non-Writing Testing window with much success. Glasgow Middle School is enjoying the space their new building is providing them for testing. Glasgow has results back from PEMSolutions™ for 1,003 of the tests they have administered thus far. Stuart has results back for 2,484 of their tests and Falls Church tops the trio with results of 2,627 tests already reported back. The equating process has moved along at a zesty pace. Results are back for all but World History I and the Audio tests.

Department of Accountability staff members have been visiting schools and conducting local test security audits. Two high schools, one middle school and two elementary schools participated in internal audits this spring. Schools are doing an excellent job with their effort and attention to detail, in maintaining their professionalism, and in following testing procedures and protocols. Results of the audits will be reported back to the schools approximately 10 days after receipt of the requested documentation supporting the audit.

Spring writing scores are back and also available in PEMSolutions™. Look for a testing memorandum with instructions about how to access these scores in the next day or so.

For principals new since September 2007, an account has been created for you in PEMSolutions™ for you to access your results. Look for your login user ID in an email from [VAP@pearson.com](mailto:VAP@pearson.com) with a link to use to create a password. Once you have done this, you will be able to access the scores with the information in the testing memoranda listed above.

#### Reminders:

The OST test administration specialist team is available 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday during testing for support or should you have questions. Normal business hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday.

Don't forget to respond to the test administration window survey (TM 47 or TM 48). We have extended the deadline for the response to June 3, 2008.

Look for our full Test Notes update in June!



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