

# Milton Public Schools PARCC Update

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# Agenda

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1. PARCC Timeline
2. PARCC field test update State and Milton
3. The PARCC/MCAS choice Spring 2015



# Where We are on the 2-Year PARCC “Test Drive”

2013  
BESE votes  
on 2-year  
“test drive”

Mar-Jun  
2014  
PBA and  
EOY field  
tests

Jun\*-Oct 1,  
2014  
Districts  
choose  
PARCC or  
MCAS

2015  
Operational  
PARCC and  
MCAS  
testing

Fall 2015  
BESE votes  
whether to  
adopt  
PARCC

2016  
PARCC is  
implemented  
or transition  
begins to  
another  
“next-gen”  
assessment

Today



\*June 30 is PARCC “guarantee” deadline

# State:PARCC Field Test Update

- ★ Most schools in Massachusetts will participate
  - ★ Approx. 81,000 students in 1,050 schools in 345 districts
- ★ March 24 to April 11: Performance Based Assessment (PBA) window completed
  - ★ 41,000 students tested online
  - ★ 17,000 students tested with pencil and paper
- ★ May 5 to June 6: End of Year Assessment window
  - ★ Approx. 33,500 students expected to test online
  - ★ Approx. 14,500 students expected to test with pencil and paper



# *Milton Public Schools*

## PARCC Field Test Update

- ★ All six schools participated
- ★ Five schools conducted Performance Based Assessment (PBA) in March and April
- ★ Three schools conducted End of Year (EOY) assessment in May and will do so in June
- ★ All but one testing session was done electronically
- ★ Total Milton Public School students who were involved in the pilot: MHS – 170, PMS – 250, Elementary 200



# Milton Public School's Choice: Why PARCC in 2015?

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# The PARCC/MCAS Choice: Why PARCC in 2015?

- ★ So why should a district elect to administer PARCC instead of MCAS in spring 2015?
  - ★ Students participating in PARCC will have a head start on experiencing a next generation assessment – the type of assessment that all schools must administer beginning with the 2015/2016 SY
  - ★ Districts that choose to administer PARCC in spring 2015 will be able to do so at “*NO RISK*” – they will have their 2015 accountability levels “held harmless”



# The PARCC/MCAS Choice: Why PARCC in 2015?

- ★ So why should a district elect to administer PARCC instead of MCAS in spring 2015?
  - ★ PARCC will provide both a paper and online version of its assessments next year.
  - ★ Students will take either PARCC or MCAS next year; generally speaking, there will be no double-testing
  - ★ PARCC will not cause any interruption in a district's ability to use student growth percentiles (SGPs) for educator evaluation.





# *What would the 2015 PARCC Operational Test look like in Milton Public Schools?*

- ★ 2015 Operational Test: The Leadership Team will review the pro's and con's of each grade level.
- ★ Most likely scenario: All students within the district will take the PARCC Test in grades 3-8. (ELA & Math)
- ★ The Milton Public School Leadership Team has made inquiries to the DESE regarding grades 9 & 11.
- ★ Regardless: Students in grades 5 and 8, students will take the MCAS Science and Technology/Engineering tests.
- ★ Regardless in high school students will continue to take the MCAS Science and Technology/Engineering, ELA and Math tests as they remain state graduation requirements.



# “Hold Harmless” Approach for Schools Administering PARCC

- ★ Will accountability reporting be different in 2015?
  - ★ Yes, but only for schools that administer PARCC. Their level will stay the same or improve from 2014, but cannot decline. Protocols will be followed that ensure PARCC 2015 results do not disadvantage school accountability classifications in 2016, 2017, and 2018 as well.
  - ★ Schools administering MCAS will be classified into a level as usual, and will not be held harmless.



# “Hold Harmless” Approach for Schools Administering PARCC

- ★ Will data be reported for a school that chooses PARCC?
  - ★ Yes, ESE will report assessment and accountability data for all schools, whether they administer MCAS or PARCC
  - ★ Using a representative sample, ESE will use “equipercentile linking” to compare and publish achievement levels and CPI scores based upon 2015 MCAS and PARCC results for each school
  - ★ ESE will calculate reliable student growth percentiles (SGPs) for schools that administer PARCC



# The PARCC/MCAS Choice: Why PARCC in 2015?

2014	May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Early May:</b> First of weekly conference calls to give districts information about choice</li> <li>▪ <b>May 19:</b> M.A.S.S. Drive-in Conference and release of PARCC/MCAS choice tool</li> </ul>
	June 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>CHOICE 1st Deadline:</b> Districts interested in choice 'guarantee' submit decision (PARCC or MCAS for grades 3-8) for spring 2015*</li> </ul>
	July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ One-day workshop for districts administering PARCC online in 2015</li> </ul>
	October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>October 1: CHOICE Final Day:</b> Districts submit decision (PARCC or MCAS) for spring 2015, pending availability</li> <li>▪ <b>October 31:</b> Final decision for PARCC online or paper test administration</li> </ul>
2015	Winter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ PARCC and MCAS trainings</li> <li>▪ Data uploads for online PARCC testing</li> </ul>
	Spring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ PARCC and MCAS test administrations (see dates below)</li> </ul>

## MCAS 2015 Testing Dates

- ELA testing window: March 23-April 6
- Math and G5/G8 STE testing window: May 4-May 19
- HS STE testing window: June 2-5

\* Grades 9 and 11 are optional and subject to appropriation

## PARCC 2015 Testing Dates (tentative)

- Performance-Based Assessment: March 16-April 10 for computer-based testing; March 23-April 3 for paper-based testing
- End-of-Year: May 4-29 for computer-based testing; May 11-22 for paper-based testing

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