

# ASSESSMENT & ACCOUNTABILITY NEWSLETTER

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## ONLINE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT PROJECT

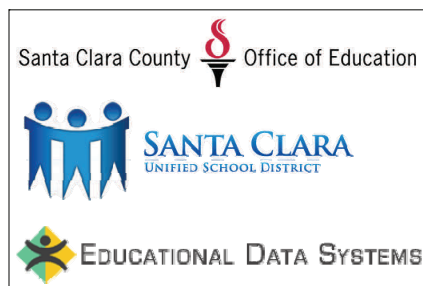
The online Performance Assessment Project is on track to complete and test the prototype this December.

Shannon Potts from Santa Clara Unified School District and the Educational Data Systems team will scan, score and visualize a 4th grade fractions MARS assessment and an 8th grade Algebra I performance assessment.

We look forward to reporting the results of this prototype at our January 26, 2012 Assessment and Accountability Network Meeting.

Our Assessment and Accountability Team is in the process of building a Performance Assessment Professional Development Module that we are planning to share at our January meeting for your review and critique.

Join us at the next Assessment & Accountability Network Meeting to see these exciting developments. Our next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2012 here at Santa Clara County Office of Education in the Oak Grove Room beginning at 9:00am.



Santa Clara County Office of Education, Santa Clara Unified School District, and Educational Data Systems working together.

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#### Special points of interest:

- \* The archives for the CDE's 2011 Assessment and Accountability Information Meeting are now available at: [www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/northsouthmtnginfo.asp](http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/northsouthmtnginfo.asp)
- \* The VAM PowerPoint that was presented at the October AAN Meeting is now available online with animations: [www.sccoe.org/depts/assessment/webinars/091211/](http://www.sccoe.org/depts/assessment/webinars/091211/)

## ONLINE BENCHMARK ASSESSMENT REPOSITORY

Our Assessment and Accountability team created a template that will be used to organize the benchmark assessment resources that you requested at our last meeting. This template is organized by grade span and academic content areas. The template will also link the following resource elements:

- Performance Assessment blueprint
- Pacing Guides
- Benchmark Assessment examples
- Performance Assessment examples

You should have received the Benchmark Assessment resource

template in an email. Please send us any comments about resources and any benchmark resource elements that you would like to share.

If you missed our earlier email and would like us to send you a copy of the resources template OR if you'd like to comment or add resources, please email: [bill\\_conrad@sccoe.org](mailto:bill_conrad@sccoe.org) or

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## A&A TEAM TO PRESENT AT CERA

Team members from SCCOE's Assessment and Accountability Department, along with Diana Wilmot, Ph.D. (Palo Alto Unified), and researchers from UC Berkeley and San Jose State University will make a presentation entitled: *Measuring Teachers' Use of Formative Assessment* at CERA in early December. This presentation will share our work in building a teacher learning progression for the use of formative assessment. The presentation will highlight the following key elements:

- Milestones along the progression of teacher use of formative assessment
- Potential measurement tools that could be used to gauge the ability of teachers to use formative assessment

- Plans for developing valid scales for those measurement tools
- Possible ways that technology could be used in the use of these measurement tools.

This year's CERA Conference is scheduled for Wednesday, November 30 through Friday, December 2 at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim.



## CURRICULUM LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

SCCOE's Assessment and Accountability Team works closely with our Curriculum and Instruction Team to support the implementation of the Common Core Standards. We made an initial awareness presentation at the last Curriculum Leadership Council meeting where we shaped simulations of computer adaptive testing. You can find that resource on our Assessment and Accountability Department website: <http://www.sccoe.org/depts/assessment/>. We will also make a presentation about assessment and the Common Core Standards at SCCOE's next Curriculum Leadership Council meeting in December.