

**FATA Medium District Meeting #3**  
**March 10, 2021 at 10 AM**

*If you put a topic on the agenda and would like to speak about/explain the topic prior to me opening it up for discussion, please put your name and district next to the topic. If you would like to comment on one of the topics listed below (even if it isn't a topic you submitted), please put your name and district next to the topic, so I can call on you first to open up the discussion.*

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**1.) COVID-19 Safety Procedures for Testing Rooms (Heather Holden - Indian River)**

a.) *Just curious what your all's thoughts/suggestions/ideas are on maintaining COVID safety protocols insofar as physical distancing for the TAs and students with Oral Presentation accommodations and taking a PBT State Assessment? My schools are concerned about the TA and student having to be essentially shoulder to shoulder in order for the TA to read the test portions for the student accommodation. (Melanie Gorman - St. Lucie)*

b.) *Items Discussed: Plastic Shields, Plastic Face Shields, separate testing locations for virtual learners, backpack sprayers who disinfect testing rooms between sessions, testing room kits (extra masks, hand sanitizer, etc.)*

**2.) Spring 2021 Schedule**

- a.) Spanish or HC versions of parent letters - Miami-Dade provided last week
- b.) eLearners vs. Campus - Most districts that spoke indicated that eLearners would be tested in different locations and/or days.
- c.) Set District Dates vs. School Discretion - Most districts that provided feedback indicated school discretion. Some districts are providing

suggested windows for initial test dates, but allowing schools flexibility within those windows and for make-up testing.

d.) Etc.

**3.) Paying teachers to write questions for district-wide assessments (Evan McCarthy - Manatee)**

a.) *I would love to hear if anyone in the group has ever tried paying for teachers to write questions for district-wide assessments and how they went about doing that. With the switch to new standards, we're considering the viability of switching from paying for a bank to paying teachers to write the questions during the summer instead, but we aren't fully sure where to start.*

b.) *Please contact Marion County for more information on their successful process.*

**4.) District required progress monitoring (secondary) for math**

a) *Just curious since the State is being this data. Specifically for 6-8 math, Alg, and Geometry. Doug Dunakey - Charlotte County (APM, USATP, i-Ready, Renaissance, Performance Matters, Mastery Connect (Certica), ALEKS or other)*

*Evan McCarthy from Manatee seems to be a wealth of knowledge on this topic. :)*

b) *APM given for Post-Instruction; teacher with new group of students - ideas to generate data without creating a complete new set of rosters. I know students can be added to multiple rosters. Wanting pre-instruction teacher and post-instruction teacher to see data No district indicated a workaround.*

**5.) ChromeVox (Bay District)**

a.) *Most of our schools use Chromebooks, with all middle schools being 1-to-1. Some use ChromeVox in ESE classrooms.*

b.) *A school alerted us that ChromeVox, an accessibility feature in all Chromebooks which reads aloud anything on screen, works within the secure test browser of NWEA/MAP Growth. We tested this on the FSA secure browser (for practice tests), began testing and, sure enough, ChromeVox read everything to us. Now hopefully, during a live test session (either NWEA or FSA) my hope is that the test administrator can hear this being read-aloud to the student and can prevent the "read allowable text" accommodation to students who do not not have this accommodation. Would love to hear from our FATA friends.*

c.) *Side note: Our Chromebooks are district-managed and we can turn this feature off, district-wide, however, we don't want to penalize any student who uses this feature in a classroom/homework setting.*



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RE: FATA Medium District Meeting #3

To: Himes, Heather

**i** Follow up. Start by Thursday, March 11, 2021. Due by Thursday, March 11, 2021.  
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I'm hearing that the CromeVox situation may be a non-issue from our IT dept here:

Eric found a way to turn it on but you have to press the key combination before entering SecureTestBrowser and again at the sign in screen for FSA. It will read the page the test begins, then there is just the yellow box showing on the screen but nothing is being read.

Also, if it is not enabled prior to entering SecureTestBrowser, it cannot be enabled once SecureTestBrowser is open. However, kids do have an option to enable Text to Speech in the accommodations section of the test and it will read the text, but that is an accessibility feature.

Feel free to share!

Thanks,

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## **6.) TestHound feedback from districts who are using this product**

a.) *This is probably a topic better suited for AFTER spring assessments, but wanted participating districts to know that I'm interested in hearing from them. Lauren Barber - Marion County*

## **7. Issues with Lanschool and FSA Testing:**

*Curious as to any issues with ELA Retakes; students launching test using the FSA Icon (in a Secure browser) and due to this student being on a teacher's roster for Lanschool, teacher ability to "view" the test. ?* [Most districts that responded turn LanSchool off prior to testing.](#)

**8. Any updates on Winter EOC (2nd window release)? The dilemma with this is we had seniors take this test for the scholar designee.** [These were released last week. :\)](#)

