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TO: All Principals

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SUBJECT: CORE K12 ACCESS INFORMATION – INFORMATION ONLY

On Wednesday, August 3, 2011, the School Board of Palm Beach County approved a contract with CORE K12 that is designed to provide teachers and schools with an online assessment for learning system. The CORE K12 online Assessment Center (AC3) ensures that district students in grades three (3) through eleven (11), and students who need to re-take the grade ten (10) Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) or FCAT 2.0, will have access to the system.

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform you of the date the system will become available to all schools, how you will receive your access information, and what is offered in AC3.

The CORE K12 online Assessment Center will become available to schools on Monday, August 29, 2011. At that time, all principals will receive an email with a specific administrative user name and password which will allow access to teacher and student information. Principals may share the school administrative user name and password with other school personnel as deemed necessary.

Once logged into AC3, the principal or their designee will find already created individual teacher user names and passwords. This information must be given to teachers. User names and passwords exist only for those teachers with student schedules in the tested content areas. All students who are enrolled in a core subject course will have access to AC3. Each teacher will have access to their students' user names and passwords, and this information can be given to students by their teachers.

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The CORE K12 online Assessment Center will also provide the following:

- Real-time results of teacher-developed and district-provided assessments of learning delivered through the Web, and/or by scanners and clickers using the Assessment Center consisting of the following components:
 - 3 item banks, one of which is FCAT Test Maker
 - 288 interim benchmark assessments focused on the (Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS) benchmarks, adhering to FCAT 2.0 item specifications and aligned with the District's scope and sequence for reading and mathematics
 - Ability to administer 16 District fall and winter diagnostic assessments
 - NGSSS Grades 6 and 10 Reading and Reading Retakes
 - Algebra 1
 - Geometry
 - Biology
 - SSS Grade 10 Reading and Mathematics Retakes
 - 66 additional interim benchmark assessments for NGSSS Science, Biology, and Geometry
- Student, teacher, and parent instructional resources

A Breeze presentation is available that explains the importance of an assessment for learning system and why CORE K12 is a key part of the District's assessment system:
http://breeze.palmbeach.k12.fl.us/assessment_for_learning_through_CORE_K12

In addition, the following resources are also available:

- A brief video providing an overview of the CORE K12 online Assessment Center:
<https://vodcast.palmbeachschools.org/player/61YHD>
- A series of videos detailing how to navigate and use the CORE K12 online Assessment Center:
http://www.nationalteacher.org/Assessment_Center_3/Core/Index.html

Please share this information with your teachers. Additional information and professional development opportunities will be available soon.

For additional information, please feel free to contact Carla P. Kendall in the Department of Research, Evaluation, and Assessment at (561) 969-5822/PX 45822.

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Approved: 
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