

Hello Parents and Teachers,

Perhaps you've already heard about this morning's Massachusetts Board of Education decision to adopt Commissioner Chester recommendation to adopt what he calls a "hybrid" assessment program, which would first be used statewide in 16-17. This means that schools who did PARCC in 14-15 will do PARCC in 15-16; districts that elected to continue with MCAS in 14-15 would do the same for 15-16 (although such schools could elect to change to PARCC for the one year). I will have a recommendation for our School Committee on that matter on Monday night. The originally projected testing windows for Spring 2016 for both tests may change by a week or so. As soon as those dates are firmed up, we will notify all of you of the testing schedule. I have attached the press release that the Commissioner forwarded to the press earlier this afternoon, so you can read the other details (or not).

We want to thank those of you who already have submitted the brief website survey. We want to remind those of you who have not yet had a chance to participate that the survey window will remain open through November 25th. We welcome your ideas!

The two survey links (one for parents and one for staff) are copied below.

Staff website survey link

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HPSwebsite-staff>

Parent website survey link

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HPS-website>

Until next time,

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