

OFFICE OF CHIEF OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
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OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT

05. Information: Update on the Mississippi Assessment Program (MAP) administration [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background Information: The Mississippi Assessment Program (MAP) are English language arts (ELA) and mathematics assessments that are administered to students in grades 3-8, as well as, End-of-Course assessments in English II and Algebra I administered to students at the high school. The MAP testing window successfully opened on April 25, 2016 and will close on May 17, 2016.

MDE staff were able to provide seniors who took the MAP assessment(s) with an interim score for the purpose of informing students and parents pass/fail statuses prior to graduation.

Forward Assessment Support Team (FAST) Operations were also instrumental in a successful assessment administration. FAST operations is a joint operation that includes the MDE and Questar Assessments, Inc., that is designed to provide a very high level of technical support to districts in a regional setting. FAST operations provide technical knowledge and key skills to overcome problems districts may experience while conducting assessments.

Each team consists of individuals who possess a wide variety of skills unique to their respective support roles. These teams are integrated within and are in close proximity to higher-level support, so a number of possible issues can be addressed within an hour's notice. The five-phase operation encompasses strategies that pertain to training, deployment, and service execution of FAST operations across four regions.

This item references Goals 1 and 2 of the *Mississippi Board of Education's 2016-2020 Strategic Plan*.

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Back-up material will be provided at board meeting