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DATE: March 13, 2012

TO: Chief Academic Officers (Community Colleges)

FROM: Dr. Jeanne M. Burns
Associate Commissioner of Teacher and Leadership Initiatives

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SUBJECT: PARCC Campus Leadership Team Matrices for College Algebra and English I

Thank you for submitting the names of individuals who will be serving on your PARCC Campus Leadership Teams. We will be contacting all of your team members tomorrow and providing them with information pertaining to the meeting for all community college PARCC Campus Leadership Teams on March 23, 2012. If you have not yet submitted names for team members, please do so immediately.

Prior to the March 23, 2012 meeting, please have your team members view a webinar that can be found on the Louisiana Department of Education web site at the following URL:

http://www.doe.state.la.us/topics/ccss_assessment_training.html

Select the webinar entitled: "Board or Regents CCSS/PARCC Assessments Webinar (July 25, 2011)."

As you are aware, all two- and four-year institutions have been asked to create PARCC Campus Leadership Teams and the teams have been asked to identify core competencies that high school students need to demonstrate to be successful when entering College Algebra and English I. In addition, we have asked teams to identify evidence on a PARCC assessment that would indicate proficiency. We will be discussing this task at the March 23, 2012 meeting.

To help your teams start their discussions after the March 23 meeting, we have provided a mathematics and English matrix that provides the following information:

- Overview of Common Core State Standards
- ACT standards for scores in the 16-19, 20-24, and 24-27 (mathematics only) ranges
- Statewide descriptors for College Algebra and English I developed by a statewide team led by the Board of Regents

On the first page of each matrix, electronic links are identified for campuses to obtain more in-depth information about the Common Core State Standards and ACT standards. Campuses are encouraged to use these and other resources during the discussions.

Each PARCC Campus Leadership Team will need to generate 10-20 essential core competencies and corresponding evidence for mathematics and English by April 30, 2012. Please note that April 30, 2012 is a later deadline than the one originally identified in the State/Campus Project Management Plans. A form has been provided at the back of each matrix for teams to list the core competencies and evidence. During June 2012, all PARCC Campus Leadership Teams will be invited to attend a meeting to reach consensus on a listing of statewide competencies for high school students to be successful in English I and College Algebra. The June 2012 meeting will include teams from both two- and four-year colleges.

During 2012-13, PARCC Campus Leadership Teams will have the opportunity to identify competencies and evidence for high school students entering college level “Contemporary Math” and “Applied Algebra for College Students.”

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the mathematics matrix and English matrix. We will be glad to answer your questions.

Cc: Dr. Larry Tremblay, Louisiana Board of Regents
System Chief Academic Officer