

# Notes from DPAC Meeting

January 27, 2011

- Starting in the fall of 2011 testing labels will be an optional report
- Portal Waivers
  - The June 2011 PEIMS submission is required to link students to teachers this year.
  - Pearson will get the June PEIMS information and load it into the portal and it will match up the student in the PEIMS file with the testing date from the Spring of 2011 in the portal.
  - Teachers would then be able to see their student's state testing results from the spring on 2011 next fall.
  - If the district wants the teachers to be able to see testing data going forward next year then the district would need to submit a data file linking teachers to students as changes occur. TEA is not mandating how many times a district needs to submit updated information as it is a district decision. TEA has consulted their attorney and TEA does not see any FERPA violations that would result from districts electing not to update their files for the portal.
  - If a district meets the eligibility requirements set out by TEA then the district may elect to submit a waiver of the Teacher Portal which would be good for three years.
  - There will be a waiver used just for the portal and districts should not use any other waivers on the TEA website
- All of the portal issues that were turned in to Mary Anne Barber were covered and Pearson listened and took notes. See **TSNAP TAMS Questions**.
- Portal for Institutions of Higher Education
  - Utilize TReX – there will be new objective level data and scale scores
  - Available summer of 2011
- TAMS Navigation issues covered
- Teacher portal reports-reports will be posted after paper reports are sent to districts. This year, the reports look like the paper summary reports.

Currently, teachers do not have access to individual student reports/testing history. The committee helped Pearson/TEA understand that districts wanted real time, dynamic reports that showed progress over time, our students from PEIMS Snapshot, SSI cohort groups etc. The committee explained that by the time districts had access to the reports it would be old news. The committee also let Pearson/TEA know that the portal is a wonderful idea and with collaboration will only get better and better over time.

- Student portal- good but need teachers to see one page student info
  - Access codes remain same
  - Can students self register to retake EOC online thru portal?
- Student Directory & Precode issues
  - PEIMS issues
  - Students with suspect files not in portal at all
  - Integrated system is essential
- Communication is the key
  - We need email updates with info about manuals, user's guides etc.
- Training through Web-x's preferable
- Roles- the need for menu and additional roles discussed as no 2 districts are alike
- DTCs in charge of too much- it was discussed how overwhelming it is and DTCs are not in a position to get it all done. It should go through superintendents
- Calendars- EOC tests three times a year. Discussion of whether to test in December or January. Superintendents need to be polled as soon as possible