

Virginia Alternate Assessment Program (VAAP)

Stakeholder Committee Agenda

May 19, 2021

3:00pm-5:00pm

3:00 PM Welcome/ Introductory Remarks

Shelly Shelley Loving-Ryder, Assistant Superintendent, Department of Student Assessment, Accountability, and ESEA Programs

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Housekeeping (Non-Disclosure Form, Review of Agenda)

3:10 PM VDOE Presentation: Progress on Recommendations Generated from March 3 Meeting in response to the following question:

What are the most effective ways for VDOE to communicate information about the new VAAP to school division staff, parents and others?

Communication Products and Partners

- Videos(Transcripts of Videos for use in different languages)
- Power Points (Voice Over)
- Brochures/Pamphlets
- FAQ for Teachers
- FAQ for Parents
- Guidance Documents
- Zoom Informational Meetings for Specific Groups
- Smaller Focus Groups for Specific Groups

Suggested Communication Partners (Based on comment about VDOE website, we will need others to help us share information

- LEA's / School Divisions
- Parent Resource Centers- Hank Milward, VDOE SPED
- Special Education PTA- Amanda Campbell, VP of PTA Fairfax

- SSEAC- Mike Garrison, Region 6
- Social Media (Facebook, Twitter) - Claire Talbert, TTAC GMU
- Virginia Family Special Education Connection (website: vafamilysped.org)
- PEATC- Suzanne Bowers, Exec Director (parent group)
- Constituent Services at VDOE
- VEA

3:30 PM BRT Presentation:

New VAAP Test Design Snapshot

- Linear Test (not computer adapted)
- Number of Items
- Items of varying complexity (low, medium high)
- Samples of item of Low, Medium, and High complexity

How will participation of students with significant cognitive disabilities be supported?

- Universal Test Design and Embedded Supports (1 item per page, simple line drawings and graphics, etc)
- Share examples of items
- Presentation Accommodations (Large print, magnification, read-aloud, text-to-speech, etc)
- Response Accommodations (Augmentative communication, AT,)
- Supports in Pearson Systems

4:00 PM Breakout Room Discussion & Brainstorming

What are the most effective ways for VDOE to communicate information about new VAAP test design, supports and accommodations that will prepare school staff and parents for test implementation in 2021-2022?

4:30 PM Report Out - One stakeholder reports out for their group

4:55 PM Thank You and Reminder of Next Meeting Date and Time