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Districts Test Coordinators,

Many of you belong to districts that have chosen to administer your students the **Smarter Balanced Field Test** for this school year. This will involve understanding features of this new online assessment especially for students who have certain access needs during testing. The Smarter Balanced Consortium has made available the [Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium: Usability, Accessibility, and Accommodations Guidelines](#). This document provides a general guideline for all participating states. In Connecticut, we are beginning to offer schools information on how all these testing features apply within our state. In order to begin this process, we have created a thirty minute presentation that you may share with any of your colleagues who need to be aware of this information. We strongly encourage that you send the following link: [Usability, Accessibility & Accommodations: 2013-2014](#) to your colleagues.

As we continue to respond to questions related to the Smarter Balanced Field Test we wanted to clarify some confusion over a particular statement on the [2014 Smarter Balanced Connecticut State Department of Education Test Support/Accommodations Form](#). ***The Text-to-Speech*** *(Does **NOT** include Reading Passages) ▲ statement on this form does **NOT** require approval through PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF SPECIAL DOCUMENTED ACCOMMODATIONS For Smarter Balanced Field Test 2013-14.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at:

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