

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

WKCE Replacement

Motion:

Move to direct DPI to replace the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination (WKCE) with a new statewide assessment program by the 2014-15 school year. Provide that the WKCE may be replaced by a new assessment developed by the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium, or through request for proposal. Require DPI to report to the Joint Finance Committee on the progress of the transition from the WKCE to a new statewide assessment by January 1, 2012, and by January 1, 2013. The WKCE may continue to be administered in the fall of 2011, 2012, and 2013. Provide that a stand-alone field test of new test items be conducted no later than Spring 2014. Provide that the new assessment be administered by 2014-15, and each school year, benchmark assessments must be conducted prior to the summative test. Provide that the new assessment will be standards-based with items developed to measure mastery of the Common Core Standards adopted by Wisconsin. Require that the new assessment program provide timely turnaround of results, no more than one week for multiple choice questions and six weeks for open-ended questions, as practicable. Require that the new assessment program be designed in such a way as to begin the transition to online testing in the state of Wisconsin. Specify that these provisions would apply to schools participating in the choice program.