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Assessments - Reduce Testing Time

2014-15 BUDGET PRIORITY

The Issue:

In order to address concerns from the public regarding the amount of testing time in the classroom, the Department is requesting funds to implement state of the art printing and distribution processes for the Grades 3-8 tests. The upgrades will enable the Department to substantially reduce the number of questions that need to be field tested separately from the April test administration. As a result, the number of schools and students that will be required to participate in stand-alone field tests will also be greatly reduced.

This enhanced industry standard printing and distribution process will have the additional benefit of improved security, and therefore public confidence in the 3-8 testing program.

2014-15 Budget Request - \$8.4 million additional State Funds

- Modified Printing \$3.0m
- Increased Security Features \$1.6m
- Packaging and Distribution \$2.1m
- Storage, Collection and Support \$1.7m