Greetings:

Today I am sharing with you an update on the progress towards the Common Assessment, and an invitation for your institution to become a Pilot College for this Initiative. Attached are two documents: the application for Pilot Colleges, and an overview of the roles and responsibilities for those colleges selected.

As you will see, the expectation and responsibility of being a Pilot College requires several important commitments. Each college who responds will be evaluated by a rubric that emphasizes a range of factors to end up with a representative pilot group (student demographics, rural vs. urban, north vs. south, size, etc.). Consideration will also be given to colleges that are grantees under the Initiative and those that already participate as pilot colleges through the Multiple Measures Assessment Program (MMAP). Once the analysis of responding colleges is completed, staff will propose the suggested pilot colleges to the CAI Steering Committee so that a final decision can be affirmed.

While the actual piloting of content and platform will not happen until 2015, representatives from Pilot Colleges will participate as members of content area work groups, review the RFI and RFP, and undertake other important activities beginning this summer. Additional information regarding the CAI grant timeline and pilot activities may be found at www.cccassess.org.

We look forward to receiving your college’s application via Shana@EdResults.org, and will be happy to answer any questions that may arise as you review and complete the forms.

Sincerely,

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