Hi everyone,

There are a few new resources that I’d like provide to you.

**PARCC Spring Testing Manuals**

If you haven’t already seen them, all of the PARCC testing manuals have been posted on Pearson’s Avocet site. The website is organized by topic and also contains a search feature that will help you better locate the information you’re looking for. All documents can be downloaded and printed from the site. As the document loads on the screen, it might take a few seconds for the download button to appear.

**PARCC FAQ Document Updated**

PARCC’s FAQ document for spring testing has been updated with new information. You can find it here.

**Developing the PARCC Test**

PARCC has released a few new resources on the development of the PARCC test that you might find useful. Life Cycle of a Test Item is a graphic that shows the lengthy path that items take before they are placed on an operational test. In The Role of Good Teaching in Developing Test Questions, Bonnie Hain, PARCC’s Director of English Language Arts/Literacy Content, talks about the involvement of educators in the rigorous process of reviewing test items to make sure they are aligned to the standards and will be fair to all students.

**Introduction to Balanced Assessment**

ISBE’s Dr. Diana Zaleski has recorded a short video entitled “Introduction to Balanced Assessment.” The purpose of this video is to introduce educators to the concept of a balanced assessment system that aligns the assessment process within classrooms, schools and districts. You can find this video on the Teacher Resources page of ISBE’s website under “Webinars, Presentations and Videos.”

As always, I want to thank you for all you do! Keep up the great work!