Fall 2016 Common Assessment
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Greetings, CAI Early Adopter Colleges:

I want to make you aware of a change to the rollout of CCCAssess (link) that will impact your college.

The Chancellor's Office, and all of us involved in the project, are dedicated to the success of CCCAssess and have come to believe additional validation is an important step to ensure the integrity of the tool. We have determined that more content and coverage, with more robust field testing is required before releasing CCCAssess for use in student placement. To ensure the integrity of CCCAssess as a valid testing instrument, we are delaying implementation of the initial rollout for the Fall 2016 adopters.

While we worked with the twelve CAI pilot colleges to administer over 10,000 assessments in the Spring, there are a number of test items within the bank that need more reliable statistics on performance within specific populations before they can be utilized for placement. Analysis of the additional data will confirm whether items match the competencies and sub-competencies spelled out in the competency maps and assure that student pathways through the adaptive algorithms are valid. In addition, faculty in the content area work groups will provide input on items that were flagged for review during an analysis.

While CCCAssess undergoes an additional validation phase, we will work closely with you to identify and support alternative plans for assessment. Many colleges have been working to establish these plans over the past 18 months, and the project team will continue to be available to assist you. Additional resources will be available to those colleges currently using ACT Compass, including a Compass User Group that will be established to share resources and best practices.

 In the days ahead we will provide you with a revised timeline, and schedule informational webinars as part of our commitment to assist you and your colleges. We understand the challenges that this delay may create for you, and we are committed to doing whatever we can to support you during this transition.

Thank you for your commitment to the implementation of CCCAssess, and thank you for your patience and feedback during field testing and data collection.

As always, the CCCAssess team is available to respond to any questions and concerns you may have as the Fall term gets under way.

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