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TO: Superintendents of Schools

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Commissioner of Education

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SUBJECT: Survey regarding the 2016 Smarter Balanced Assessment Testing Window

You will recall last year's Smarter Balanced Assessment testing window was approximately twelve weeks (March 17, 2015- June 12, 2015). We have received many comments on both the length and the timing of the testing window.

To collect your input prior to establishing the grade 3-8 Smarter Balanced Assessment testing window, we have created a **two item survey** that should take a minute or two to complete.

- Item #1 asks about the best testing window for your district. Answers for question one include: the same window as in Spring 2015; a shortened window by starting later; a shortened window by ending earlier; or a shortened window by both starting a little later and ending a little earlier.
- Item #2 asks you to enter any additional comments.

The survey will remain open until Monday, November 9, 2015. If you have questions about survey features or functioning, please contact Abe Krisst abe.krisst@ct.gov .

You may access the survey [here](#).

Thank you.