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Oregon Department of Education to host community forum on new state tests

Featuring Derek Brown, Director of Assessment, Oregon Department of Education

WHAT:

Informational Forum: Smarter Balanced Assessments

The Oregon Department of Education (ODE), in partnership with the High Desert ESD and Oregon PTA, will hold an informational forum about Oregon's new state tests.

WHEN:

Thursday, March 5, 6:00 p.m.

(Light refreshments will be provided by The Oregon PTA)

WHERE:

COCC Redmond, Technology Center
2030 SE College Loop, Redmond, Oregon

WHO:

Parents, families, students, educators and community members interested in learning more about the new Smarter Balanced assessment.

WHY

Oregon and more than 40 other states have developed and adopted shared academic expectations, called the Common Core State Standards. ODE calls the standards clear, consistent guidelines for what students should know and be able to do at each grade level in math and English language arts in order to graduate high school ready for college, careers, and life.

This spring the new Smarter Balanced assessments will replace the old OAKS state tests for reading, writing, and math. The Smarter Balanced assessments, aligned to Oregon's updated learning standards, are more challenging than Oregon's previous, multiple-choice only tests and will tell us where students are on their path to college- and career-readiness.

Learn more about Oregon's new test: <http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?id=4302>

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