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MEMORANDUM

Date: December 8, 2015

To: Connecticut Mastery Examination Committee

From: Richard Murray, Past President, CABE

Patrice McCarthy, Deputy Director and General Counsel, CABE

Re: School Board Feedback Regarding the 2014-15 Testing Experience

Attached is some specific information we gathered from a sampling of districts regarding their testing experience. We have also received informal feedback from school board members, including a board member who also serves as an elementary educator, that in those districts where students previously had access to computers and were comfortable with their use and the district had been focusing instruction on the Common Core Standards, the testing was a successful and non-stressful experience for the students.

We have also included an article prepared by the National School Boards Association Council of Urban Boards of Education which provides a helpful framework for a discussion on testing.

Enclosure