READY FOR PARCC?

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TEAM
ALBUQUERQUE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ACE CONFERENCE
How I felt when I heard about PARCC!

Something touched my foot!!!
Issues – What we have heard

- Not enough computers at each location
- Training needed for Tech/Testing Coordinators
- No point of contact identified
- Not enough support staff at the district to help guide schools through online testing
- Caching server issues
- Mac and Window updates
- Students getting kicked off the testing session
- “Service” desk issues—too many places to call
BE PROACTIVE!

Technical POC - We need a Point of Contact for all Computer Based Testing. This will be the person that we contact and work with regarding installation of test applications, coordination of updates and the new caching setup.

# of Devices – RDA has used the Capacity Planning Tool from NM PED to determine the number of devices that you will need for your site.

Wireless – Though we DO NOT recommend wireless, have spaces identified if you intend to offer CBT testing in a wireless area
WIRELESS VS WIRED

THIS? OR THIS?
BE PROACTIVE

**Power / Space** (laptop carts):
- Have a dedicated space(s)
- Temporary hard-wired solution for laptops
- Power – survey to make sure there is adequate power in the space
- **IF** running on battery – use ½ of your laptops in the morning and the other ½ in the afternoon.

**Active Directory:**
- CBT devices need to be joined to the APS Active Directory domain and users need to log on using APS domain credentials.
Things to think about –

- Accessories
- Practice Tests and Early training
- Early system set up for test environments
- Elevated service desk
WHAT WE HAVE DONE

• **Network**
  (Installed this summer)
  • 145 Routers
  • 2443 Switches
  • 3182 NJ 1000's

• **Support**
  • Tech Coordinators
    • Support Matrix

• **Deployment**
  • Scheduling and importance
WHAT WE PLAN TO DO...

• Frequent Meetings with Principals
• Combined monthly check-lists with RDA
• Modified Help Desk (for the testing window)
  • Experts from RDA and Technology
  • Knowledge Base
WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW…
(YES, I AM SAYING THIS AGAIN!)

• Meeting and working with your Tech Coordinators or your POC
  • Identify testing areas
  • Check how many machines you have that are PARCC compliant and in a testing environment (re-assessment)

• Begin your own count down to PARCC
  • Technology preparedness
  • Testing staff preparedness

• Begin focusing on the testing environment
  • Wired – wireless – access – partitions - accessories
OUR RESOURCES FOR YOU

• FAQ’s
  • Bandwidth and devices
  • Proctor Caching
  • Technology Literacy
  • Troubleshooting

• Survey Monkey
  • Point(s) of Contact
  • Device Numbers

• Countdown From RDA/I.T.
QUESTIONS