Pilot Update

Sign up now for Summer and Fall Rollout

Thirty-four school districts across the Commonwealth are now piloting the new Edwin Teaching and Learning system (ET&L), which is being implemented as part of Massachusetts Race to the Top grant. We plan to roll ET&L out to 45 districts during this summer, to 45 districts this fall, and 45 districts during Winter/Spring 2014.

The Rollout is flexible. Each district can use as much of the system as it wants and can decide

- Which parts of the system to use (assessment and reporting tools, curriculum and instruction tools, the digital library, a combination of these, or all of these)
- Which staff, grades, subjects will use ET&L (elementary, middle, high, or all grade levels; all subjects or just English language arts and math)
- Some districts plan to start by using one part of the system and planning to expand usage over time.

To get started with ET&L, there are two important considerations:

- **Training** - Training for the system uses a train-the-trainer model, where each district will have three staff attend training. The training will use a blended webinar and web-based training format to provide flexibility for those training.
- **SIF** – The current plan for getting district student, teacher, and course information into the Edwin T&L System is based upon districts providing this information to ESE through SIF (the Schools Interoperability Framework, basically a way for all schools to communicate data in a standard way). In order to take full advantage of ET&L, districts will want to begin using SIF. For more information about SIF, have the person responsible for you Student Information System talk to their contact at ESE.

If you are one of the 170 RTTT districts that selected projects 5A-5E, please contact ESE at edwint&l@doe.mass.edu to specify your preferred roll out timeframe (summer 2013, fall 2013, or winter/spring 2014).

Pilot Districts

Early Spring Pilot Districts: - Agawam, Ashland, Attleboro, Barnstable, Cambridge, Chelsea, Clinton, Easthampton, Everett, Fitchburg, Foxboro Regional Charter School, Framingham, KIPP Academy Lynn,

Late Spring Pilot Districts: Foxboro Regional Charter School, Malden, Seven Hills Charter Public School, Cambridge, KIPP Academy Lynn Charter School, Lawrence, Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School, Saugus, Waltham, and Winthrop.

Summer Pilots - We have spots available in the summer pilot of ET&L. If your district is interested in piloting/implementing ET&L this summer, please email: EdwinT&L@doe.mass.edu.

SY 2013-14 Rollout - We will implement ET&L with many RTTT districts next school year. For those planning to implement next year, it may be helpful to begin planning this spring/summer. Email us at EdwinT&L@doe.mass.edu to coordinate implementation for next year.

Stipends and Professional Development Points (PDPs) - Districts may use RTTT funds to fund staff training activities needed to implement ET&L (such as training on the use of ET&L and on supporting district staff use of ET&L). Further information is available at: http://www.doe.mass.edu/rttt/district.html. Select the “Guidelines for Years 2 to 4 of Race to the Top” (Updated January 2013); relevant information can be found on pages 85-87. Also, PDPs may be available for those who provide ET&L training and support if that activity is consistent with their position. Further information about PDPs is available at http://www.doe.mass.edu/pd/.

Edwin T&L Content Updates

Assessment Items – Previously released MCAS questions will be loaded into ET&L for use in creating assessments. For districts that want to purchase additional items, our technology partner, Thinkgate, also has the ability to provide access to items from a number of providers. For more information, email: EdwinT&L@doe.mass.edu

Website Updates

Webinar Recordings, Slide Show and Q&A - Recordings and slides for all three ET&L webinars are available on the Edwin T&L website. During the webinars, many participants asked excellent questions, which have been compiled and answered in the Webinar Q&A document, which is also available at the Edwin T&L website, at the end of the section: Pilot and Roll-Out.