ESE Support for Districts that Choose PARCC

1. The Department will conduct the student data upload for all districts choosing PARCC in 2015 based on October SIMS and SIF updates where applicable.

2. The Department will preload accommodation data for students in grades 4-11 based on last year’s MCAS/PARCC field test accommodations.
   a. This will reduce the student data upload to change of enrollments and updates to accommodation data.

3. Student Assessment Services and the Office of Digital Learning will host a summer institute for districts choosing PARCC with the goal of laying out a 9-month plan to prepare for PARCC online.

4. Student Assessment staff will be trained and available throughout the year to answer questions about PARCC readiness.

5. Curriculum and Instruction is developing specific, grade-by-grade maps explaining the computer skills and tools needed at each PARCC test.

6. Online practice tests and tutorials will be available at each grade throughout the school year.

7. Student Assessment will produce one-page, quick-start guides for proctors and administrators to simplify instructions now embedded in lengthy manuals.