

To: The Montgomery College Community

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Subject: Transition to the Math and English NEXT GENERATION ACCUPLACER

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The College Board, the company that owns the ACCUPLACER placement tests that Montgomery College uses for placing students in the appropriate college-level coursework when they are admitted to the College, is requiring all of its customers to transition from the current math and English ACCUPLACER test, called CLASSIC ACCUPLACER, to their new test, referred to as NEXT GENERATION ACCUPLACER. Transition planning has been underway at the College for the previous 12 months and it is now time to begin the transition process to “sunset” the math and English CLASSIC ACCUPLACER and replace it with the math and English NEXT GENERATION ACCUPLACER. In order to transition, the College will have to suspend math and English ACCUPLACER placement testing during the implementation process (NOTE: the ACCUPLACER ESL test is not going through any revision. Therefore, ACCUPLACER ESL testing will continue on-schedule).

The slowest testing period of the academic year is in late February through the end of March. Therefore, the switch to the math and English NEXT GENERATION ACCUPLACER will occur during the following timeframe:

- **Stop math and English ACCUPLACER placement testing at the College on Thursday, March 14, 2019**
- **No math or English ACCUPLACER placement testing from Friday, March 15, 2019 until Friday March 29, 2019**
- **Resume math and English ACCUPLACER testing on Monday, April 1, 2019**

During the transition period, there are changes that need to be coded into Banner, revisions that need to be made to the online orientation, and pilot testing that needs to occur to ensure the new math and English tests are working properly before placement testing resumes on Monday, April 1, 2019.

We want to express our appreciation for the work of the Transition Work Group and ask for your patience as we undertake the transition process to make the necessary changes to launch the math and English NEXT GENERATION ACCUPLACER tests.

If you have further questions or concerns, please contact the convener of the Transition Work Group, Dr. Kimberly Kelley.