



### **Statewide Email**

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**SUBJECT:** Educator Input Needed: FTCE Exam Redevelopment

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The Department of Education (DOE) and Evaluation Systems group of Pearson (ES Pearson), the state's postsecondary assessment contractor, are updating a number of existing subject area examinations as well as the General Knowledge test. For each test field, the new examination will reflect changes in the content and best practices used to teach these subjects in Florida schools, as prescribed by DOE-approved teacher standards and the Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.).

For each test field, committees of Florida subject matter experts convened in May 2020 and September 2020 to review and update the competencies and skills. In May, the committee reviewed the alignment of the current competencies and skills against the Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) and made recommendations regarding revisions to the competencies and skills. In September, the committee reviewed, updated, and validated the competencies and skills to ensure alignment of the new competencies and skills with the B.E.S.T. standards.

As a part of the development process, the DOE and ES Pearson invite you to participate in a validation survey for the revised competencies, skills, and test blueprint. Please visit the website below to review the revised competencies, skills, and blueprint and respond to a brief survey. You will be asked to provide feedback about each of the new competencies and skills, and the emphasis each competency will receive on the examination.

ESOL K-12:

<https://www.testing.nesinc.com/f5b.htm>

Exceptional Student Education K-12:

<https://www.testing.nesinc.com/f9a.htm>

Prekindergarten/Primary PK–3 Language Arts and Reading:

<https://www.testing.nesinc.com/f3b.htm>

Prekindergarten/Primary PK–3 Mathematics:

<https://www.testing.nesinc.com/f4b.htm>

Elementary Education K–6 Language Arts and Reading:

<https://www.testing.nesinc.com/f7a.htm>

Elementary Education K–6 Mathematics:

<https://www.testing.nesinc.com/f8a.htm>

General Knowledge Test:

<https://www.testing.nesinc.com/f2b.htm>

Please feel free to disseminate this survey to other Florida educators certified in one of these content areas who are teaching or providing administrative support in the content area.

Thank you for your support and your commitment to improving the quality of education throughout Florida.

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