Progress Report on the Use of Performance Assessments to Prepare Virginia Students for the World

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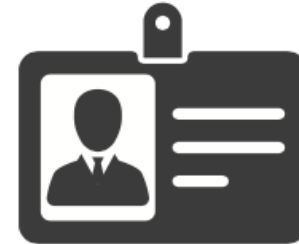
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The Commonwealth's
Approach to Assessment

Lead the way and Raise the bar.
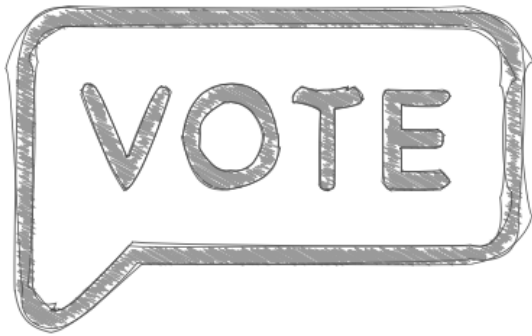
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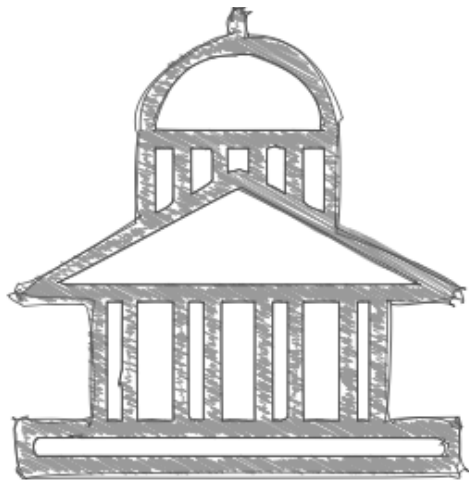
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Too much testing?
A Political Response to a Public Request

Request to reduce from

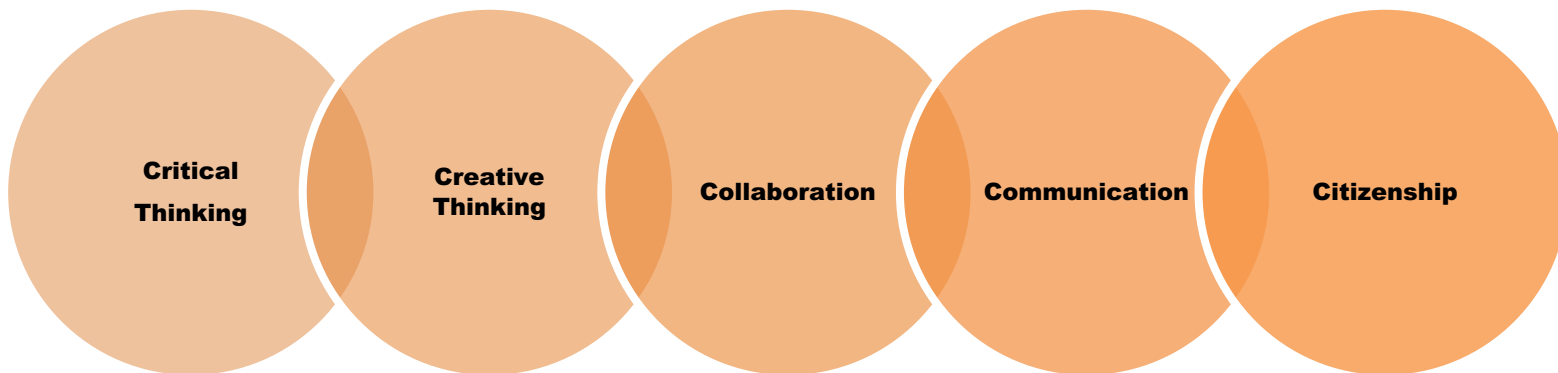Exhausted teachers and students. 2013

The start of a solution

Replacement of five SOL tests. 2014

Can we Assess *for* Learning?
What Matters is Hard to Measure

Critical Thinking

Creative Thinking

Collaboration

Communication

Citizenship

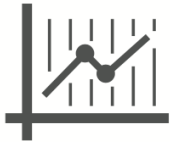# Performance-based Assessment to
Measure the Hard-to-Measure

Students engage in

authentic experiences or simulations that assess if they have met expectations for what they need to know and do.

Demonstrations | Portfolios | Conversations and Debates | Performances | Group Work | Experiments | Independent and Group Projects

Approach to Assessment Must be Balanced and Modernized

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By using a collection of assessment types we can be:

- Anticipatory
- Agile
- Actionable
- Relevant
- Reliable

Commitment to the Commonwealth
Ensure Equity and Quality
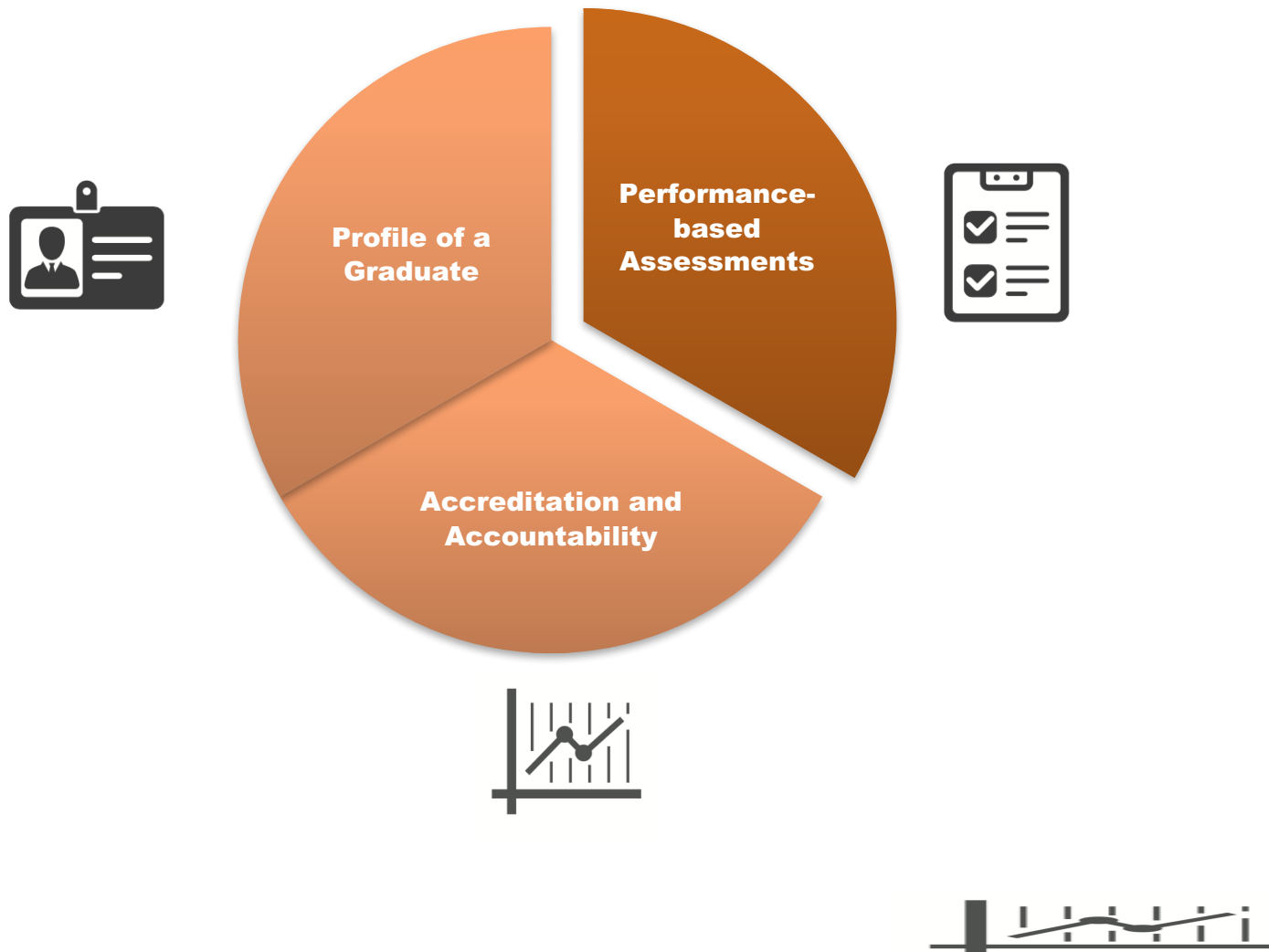
WHAT WE HAVE

- Proof of concept
- Pockets of innovation
- Plans to ensure validity and reliability
- Systems, structures and partnerships

WHERE WE ARE GOING

- Regional capacity building
- Encouraging a positive policy environment
- Clear communications
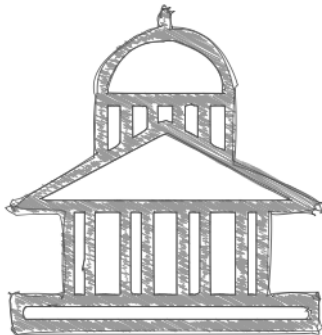- Leadership development

Vision for the Future

Next Steps

Regional Capacity-Building

- Foundational workshops in priority regions
- Coordinating and expanding state assocation offerings
- Summer 2018 regional trainings
- Finalizing tools to ensure reliability, continuity and validity (e.g., "criterion tool")

Promote a Positive Policy Environment

- Presenting to various committees of the General Assembly
- Partnership with JFF
- Deploying strategy to engage school board members

QUESTIONS