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**TO:** University/College Chancellors/Presidents

**FROM:** Dr. E. Joseph Savoie   
President – University of Louisiana at Lafayette & PARCC Advisory Committee on  
College Readiness Member

**RE:** College- and Career-Ready Determination Policy & Policy-Level Performance  
Level Descriptors

We would like to thank you and your PARCC Campus Leadership Teams for the work your campuses has done during this past year to disseminate information to your faculty about the Common Core State Standards and PARCC assessments. In particular, we would like to thank your teams for the feedback they provided about the draft college- and career-ready determination policy and performance level descriptors.

On October 25, 2012, State Superintendent John White and I will be participating in a PARCC Governing Board and PARCC Advisory Committee on College Readiness meeting. We will be asked to vote to adopt the attached final version of the "PARCC College- and Career-Ready Determination Policy in English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics & Policy-Level Performance Level Descriptors." The policy and descriptors will be used by PARCC to move forward with the development of the new PARCC assessments.

The feedback provided by your campuses during the last three months about the draft policies was communicated to PARCC and used by a working group as they reviewed feedback from all PARCC states. A copy of your campus feedback has been attached. Dr. Jeanne Burns (Louisiana's PARCC Higher Education Lead) was a member of the working group and had the opportunity to provide direct input into concerns expressed by Louisiana's teams as the policy was finalized. We feel that the final attached document provides clearer language to develop the new PARCC assessments.

Again, thank you for the feedback provided by your campuses. We will continue to keep you and PARCC Campus Leadership Teams informed and will continue to ask your teams to provide input as the new assessments are further developed.

Please feel free to contact me or Dr. Jeanne Burns ([jeanne.burns@la.gov](mailto:jeanne.burns@la.gov)) if you have any questions.