

To: AIMS Task Force members
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Re: Collection of research materials on the outcomes of high-stakes testing

I am pleased to present the second collection of research materials. The collection is for our meeting on Wednesday, December 10th. The topic of the meeting is, “the outcomes of graduation tests.”

Our purpose for this collection is to present you with evidence on the intended and unintended consequences of high-stakes testing. As we discussed in the previous meeting, our focus is on tests that have been implemented as a requirement for graduation.

You will notice that some of the materials are the same as the previous meeting. In these cases, we focused on the outcomes of high-stakes testing rather than the intended purposes. As a result, the summary documents are written from a different perspective than the previous one-pagers.

As in the previous meeting, every individual piece is accompanied by a “one-page” document that summarizes the highlights such as the major findings and policy implications. I want to thank Kim Eversman and Kathy Wiebke for their hard work on coordinating this collection.

At the meeting, there will be a short review of these materials (15 minutes) to present the major themes that transcend the individual pieces. We hope that the collection of research materials and accompanying presentation will stimulate conversation and help guide our efforts.

I look forward to our discussion at the meeting.

