Online Testing: Assessment Technology's Work Within the Office of Assessment

School Technology Summit
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Agenda

1. Overview of the NYCDOE's Move to Online Assessments

2. Technology Inventory for Online Assessments (TIOA) Tool

3. NYSED School Technology Voucher Program

4. Focus Group

5. Q&A/Closing

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THE MOVE TO ONLINE ASSESSMENTS

The Move to Online Assessments

- New York State is part of the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC), a consortium of states working together to develop a common set of grades 3-11 assessments in English and math aligned to the Common Core.

- If the NY State Board of Regents adopts PARCC, the NYCDOE will begin administering some tests online in 2014-15.

- PARCC assessments are expected to eventually test all students online.

- Schools will not be expected to administer online assessments until the necessary technology is in place. The expectation is that a subset of NYCDOE schools will be ready to begin administering exams online in 2014-15.

TECHNOLOGY INVENTORY FOR ONLINE ASSESSMENTS (TIOA)

TIOA Overview

- The NYCDOE's Technology Inventory for Online Assessments tool (TIOA) will allow schools to input their device inventory counts.

- Will also provide schools with information to help plan around purchasing devices.

- Schools/networks will have the ability to run reports to get a sense of each school's technical readiness.

- Reports will be used to inform schools on what items should be purchased from the school technology voucher program *(if eligible)*.

TIOA Overview

NEW YORK STATE STUDENT TECHNOLOGY VOUCHER PROGRAM (NYS-STVP) OVERVIEW

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NYS-STVP OVERVIEW

- NYS-STVP resulted from the Settlement Agreement between New York State consumers and Microsoft Corporation.

- The fund amount ($87 million), in the form of vouchers, will be offered to eligible public schools. NYCDOE schools are eligible for $51 million of the funds.

- NYSED has allocated funds to eligible schools (i.e., schools in which greater than 50% of students qualified for free/reduced lunch in the 2011-12 school year) for qualifying computer technology products and services.

- The settlement will help schools purchase devices for online assessments.

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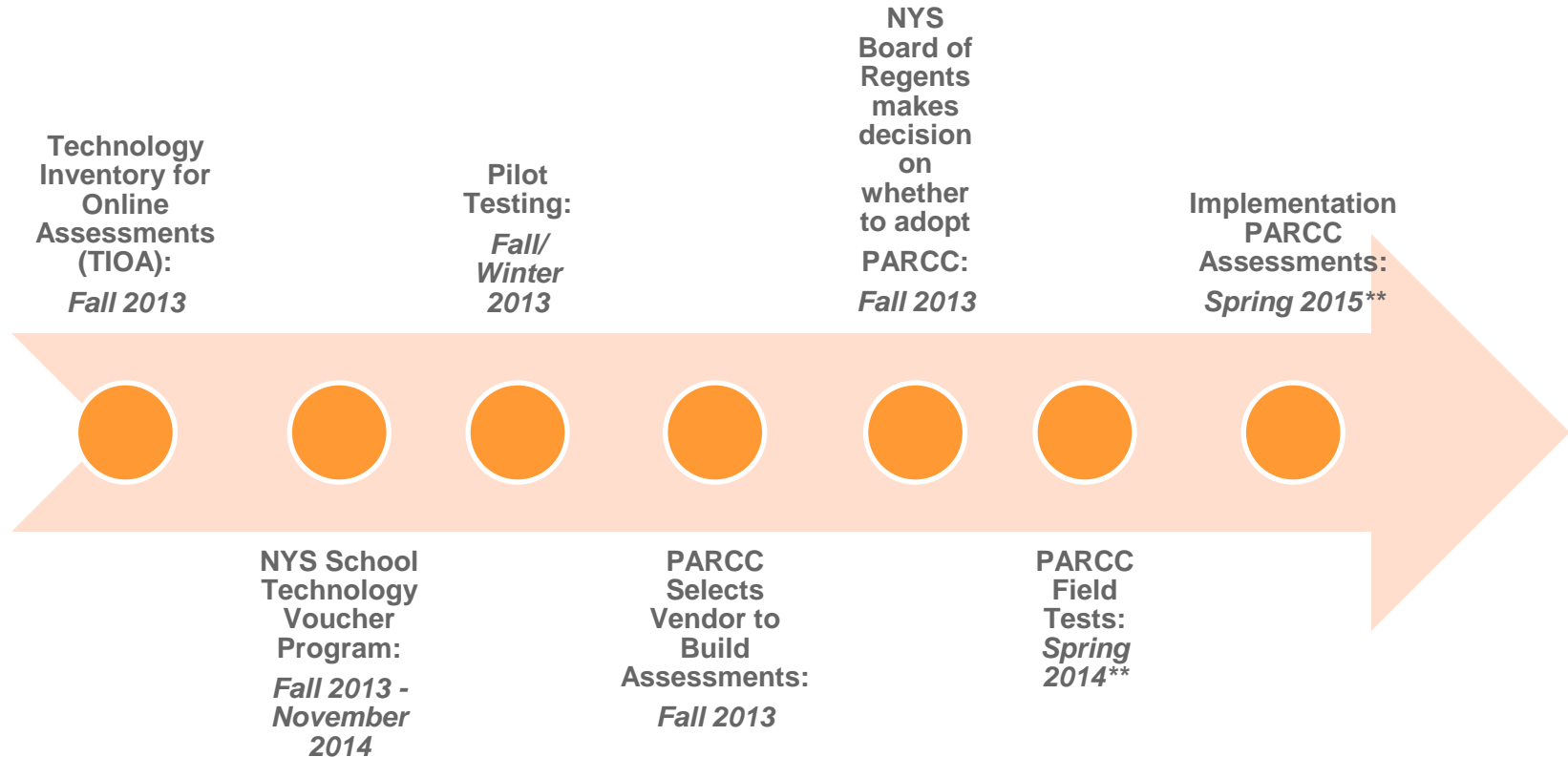
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NYS-STVP

50% General Purpose Vouchers (Hardware):

Examples include laptop and desktop computers

50% Specific Category Software Vouchers:

Examples include Operating systems, antivirus and eligible license agreement software

ASSESSMENT TECHNOLOGY MILESTONES*

Technology Inventory for Online Assessments (TIOA):
Fall 2013

Pilot Testing:
Fall/ Winter 2013

NYS Board of Regents makes decision on whether to adopt PARCC:
Fall 2013

Implementation PARCC Assessments:
*Spring 2015***

NYS School Technology Voucher Program:
Fall 2013 - November 2014

PARCC Selects Vendor to Build Assessments:
Fall 2013

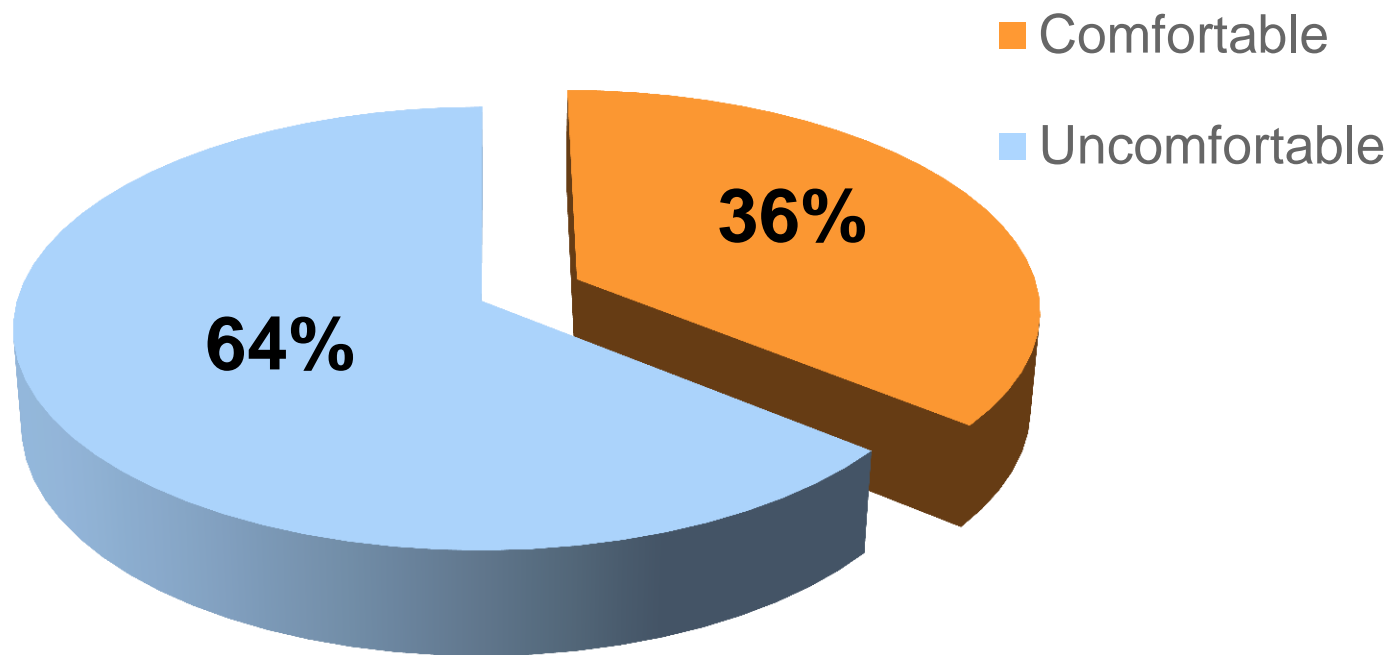**PARCC Field Tests:**
*Spring 2014***

*Tentative Dates
** If NYS adopts PARCC

FOCUS GROUP QUESTIONS

How Comfortable Do Teachers and School Staff Feel Using Online Tools?* (i.e. Google tools, Computers for instruction, Youtube, etc.)
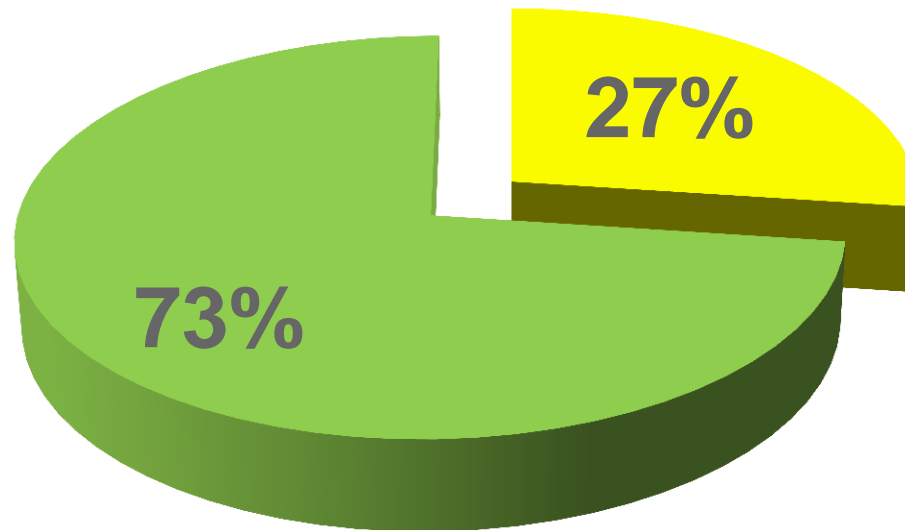
- Comfortable
- Uncomfortable

36%

64%

* Information derived from the 2012-13 BEDS Survey

How Prepared do Teachers/School Staff Feel for Online Testing?*

Staff Readiness

■ staff prepared   ■ staff unprepared

27%

73%

*Information derived from the 2012-13 BEDS Survey and the 2012-13 School Survey

How Many Hours Per Week Do Teachers Spend Using Technology In Classroom Instruction*?

On average 2.5 hours out of a work week are spent on using technology for classroom instruction.*

*Information derived from the 2012-13 BEDS Survey.

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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