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This is the first edition of a weekly email update for the SMARTER Balanced Assessment Consortium.

State leads: Please share this update with colleagues, such as members of your state delegation, and with state leadership, such as governor, state superintendent, press officer, director of assessment, and directors of curriculum and instruction.

Work group co-chairs: Please share this update with your work group.

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Announcements

As of February 1, the monthly All States meetings will become Advisory States meetings. In these meetings, Advisory States and members of the Executive Committee and Project Management Partner will review and discuss recent policy decisions and work status updates. Governing States are welcome to attend as well, although some content may be redundant from the Governing States meeting. The Advisory States meeting time remains 11 a.m.–noon (Pacific) on the first Monday of the month.

Representatives of the Governing States recently approved the appointment of Charles Lenth to the Executive Committee. Lenth fills one of two positions representing higher education on the Committee. He currently serves as Vice President for Policy Analysis and Academic Affairs for the State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO).

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Upcoming Events

The Consortium's Technical Advisory Committee meets on February 22-23 in Denver. States can attend by webinar, and can also send at their own expense one representative to attend in person. Please email sbac@wested.org by the close of business on Monday, February 7, if you plan to attend.

Upcoming Consortium meetings for the week of February 7 include

- Advisory States on Monday, Feb 7, 11 a.m.–noon (Pacific)
- Governing States on Tuesday Feb 8, 10 a.m.–11 a.m. (Pacific)

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Resources

A new summary presentation describing SBAC is available for your use. You can find it in the Attachment section of the Communications area of the Consortium's internal website <http://smarter.k12partners.org>. We will be updating this presentation each month, so send your suggestions for additions or improvements to sbac@wested.org.

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