Framework of a Balanced Local District Assessment System

LEVEL \ PURPOSE	Formative Assessment for Management of Instruction	Formative Assessment FOR Learning	Summative Assessment OF Learning
CLASSROOM ASSESSMENT			
Key decision maker(s)	Teacher	Student/teacher team	Teacher
 Important instructional decisions to be made 	What comes next in my students' learning?	Help student know: What comes next in my learning?	What grade or standards mastered to put on report card?
 Information needed to inform decisions 	Standards in appropriate learning progressions. Evidence of standards mastered and not yet	Student-friendly learning targets in learning progressions; Evidence of student's current place in progressions	Evidence of student mastery of each required standard
COMMON BENCHMARK			
TESTS • Key Decision maker(s)	Teachers; but students may assist in interpreting and acting on results	Curriculum and Instructional leaders, teacher teams, PLCs	Curriculum and Instructional leaders
 Instructional decisions to be made 	Which standards do we tend to struggle mastering and why?	Which standards are our students struggling to master and why?	Which standards are broad samples of our student not mastering
• Information needed to inform decisions	Evidence across classrooms of standards we have failed to master `	Evidence from assessments across classrooms of standards not mastered	Evidence of standards mastered across broad samples using common assessments
ANNUAL TESTS	Requires evidence of student mastery of each standard	There is no viable assessment FOR learning role for annual tests	
 Key decision maker(s) 	Curriculum and instructional leaders		District leadership team, school board and community
 Instructional decisions 	What standards did our students not master?		Did enough of our students master required standards?
Information needed	Evidence of standards not mastered		Proportion of students mastering standards

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