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SLATE - NEWS FROM THE BOARD	(music full)
SOT NANCY GRASMICK 1750CG - NANCY S. GRASMICK MD SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT	(sot nancy grasmick) 'it's not about the test, it's about ensuring that students have mastered content... '
SLATE - HSA REPORT	(music full)
SOT JERRY WEAST T1 4334CG - JERRY WEAST SUP'T., MONTGOMERY COUNTY	(sot jerry weast) 'What (pause) will enable a child to get into a community college without going into remediation?'
SLATE - APRIL 24, 2007	(music full)
SOT JOE HAIRSTON T1 2015	(sot joe hairston) 'it is a reality that is hitting us front and center and for many reasons.'
FILE STUDENTS	(narrator track) a vigorous discussion of the hsa's dominates talk IN public schools.
	students must pass all four ninth and tenth grade level exams by 20-oh-nine -the board welcomed thoughts from montgomery county's jerry weast and baltimore county's joe hairston.

<p>SOT JOE HAIRSTON T1 1948-06 CG - JOE HAIRSTON SUP'T., BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS</p>		<p>(sot joe hairston) 'To my surprise, this year in Baltimore County, I was summoned to come down to Annapolis to meet with my delegation, and this is my first time ever hearing the delegation have so much concern and interest about the High School Assessment.'</p>
<p>2S HAIRSTON</p>		<p>(narrator track) each described the means by which their counties attack the hsa's -- or more specifically -- HOW THEY'LL HELP the 15-percent who might have difficulty passing.</p>
<p>SOT JOE HAIRSTON T1 3409</p>		<p>(sot joe hairston) 'The interventions more specifically involve High School Assessment review sessions we have, a package that we have available for our youngsters, before and after school tutoring...'</p>
<p>PUSH JOE SCREEN RIGHT, FREEZE & REVEALINTERVENTIONS: (SCREEN LEFT)SATURDAY SESSIONSSUMMER TUTORIALSONLINE COURSESTEST ITEMS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT</p>		<p>(narrator track) others hairston mentions:</p>
		<p>- saturday and summer sessions --</p>
		<p>- online courses provided by msde --</p>
		<p>- public release test items used in classes to familiarize students with the types of questions on the tests --</p>
		<p>- and targeted professional development which hairston says receives increasing emphasis.</p>

SOT JERRY WEAST 4040 T1		(sot jerry weast) ' ... and bring up those who don't have that knowledge without collapsing the curriculum.'
JERRY CUTS		(narrator track) weast says the biggest challenge MAY BE english language learners.
SOT WEAST T1 4715		(sot weast) '... because a lot of times you're not getting an accurate reflection of a child that doesn't speak English, you're getting a reflection of their English speaking ability...'
		(narrator track) In montgomery, he makes math a priority.
WEAST SOT T1 4611		(sot weast) 'we've been pushing math and we've been trying to do that without narrowing the curriculum...'
SOT MONTGOMERY WOMAN T1 5040		(sot montgomery female) 'The second packet is our HSA web site...'
PUSH AND FREEZE & GRAPHICSINTERVENTIONS:HSA WEB SITE(LINKS TO MSDE)HSA PREP ONLINEHSA TRANSCRIPTS		(narrator track) among other things: montgomery has developed its own hsa web site and also linked it to msde's hsa site.
		as well, it has developed 'hsa prep' online.
		that course uses state-released items, and gives instant feedback to student answers.
		and montgomery sends home hsa transcripts, a reportit generated to keep parents abreast of their child in regard to hsa course material
TANYA CUT AND THEN QUESTION		(narrator track) board members question.

<p>SOT TANYA T2 1900CG - TANYA MILES MD BOARD OF EDUCATION</p>		<p>(sot tanya miles) '... how do you motivate a middle schooler or a high schooler ... 'you need more time on task.'</p>
<p>SOT JERRY WEAST T 2 2054</p>		<p>(sot jerry weast) ' I think the best way to motivate them is to have a great kindergarten teacher, first and second, and third grade teacher, that get them up to the math skills and the language arts skills, and then I think it's a consistent pattern after that to challenge them at the highest levels.'</p>
<p>SOT DAVID TUFARO T2 332CG - DAVID TUFARO MD BOARD OF EDUCATION</p>		<p>(sot david tufaro) 'We have groups poised, active, to eliminate the test...'</p>
<p>SOT DUNBAR BROOKS 3700 T2CG - DUNBAR BROOKS VP, MD BOARD OF EDUCATION(NEED COVER)</p>		<p>(sot dunbar brooks) 'We're talking about a test that's on the ninth grade level for the Algebra/Data Analysis. Ok? And there are groups out here saying we shouldn't do it. And what that says to me is is that they want status quo to stay where it is. Well, status quo for people who look like me is a disaster.'</p>
<p>BOARD CUTS & NSG</p>		<p>(narrator track) everyone understands concerns brought on by the deadline.</p>

SOT NSG 1226 T2		(sot nsg) ' ... we saw this with other things we've required... we saw it with service learning where everybody said 'this is gonna be a disaster and there were bills introduced in the legislature five years in a row ... '
SOT NSG T2 1303		(sot nsg) ' ... I think that's what sometimes frustrates people, that these are very complex issues. And they're not silver-bullet kinds of answers.'
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