

From Katie Bowler:

I have received several emails and phone calls over the last couple of months regarding the **MCAS Science and Tech/Eng Tests**. These tests are **NOT changing** for the next few years. **The tests will continue to be aligned to the 2001/2006 STE Standards**. It will take several years to transition over to a new assessment AFTER the draft standards are adopted. An STE assessment transition timeline has not been developed at this point, but we expect a gradual transition over several years.

The draft standards still need to go out for public comment and review. The Department is not sure when this will happen, but there is a possibility that they will go out for comment toward the end of May (instead of in November). We will keep you posted as soon as more information is available. In the meantime, please feel free to comment on the DRAFT standards by sending an email to mathsciencetech@doe.mass.edu.

If you have any questions regarding STE MCAS, please feel free to contact me at cbowler@doe.mass.edu. If you have questions about the draft STE standards, please send an email to mathsciencetech@doe.mass.edu.

Thank you!

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