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Slug=PARCC PROJECT

IF YOU'RE A PARENT, YOU MIGHT BE ONE OF MANY ACROSS THE STATE ARE BEING NOTIFIED BY YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL ABOUT A NEW TESTING PROGRAM. IT'S CALLED PARCC, OR PARTNERSHIP FOR ASSESSMENT OF READINESS FOR COLLEGE AND CAREERS. IT WILL BE ADMINISTERED TO OVER ONE MILLION STUDENTS NATIONWIDE THIS SPRING. JOINING US FROM OUR BEACON HILL STUDIO TO TELL US MORE ABOUT IT, MITCHELL CHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSIONER OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION.

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Slug=MA GOOD AP SCORES

MASSACHUSETTS RANKS FOURTH IN THE NATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES WHO SCORE A THREE OR BETTER ON ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS. THE TESTS ARE SCORED ON A FIVE POINT SCALE, WITH A SCORE OF THREE INDICATING STUDENTS HAVE COMPLETED COURSEWORK COMPARED TO AN INTRO-LEVEL COLLEGE COURSE. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT BY THE COLLEGE BOARD, 28 PERCENT OF 2013 BAY STATE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES SCORED THREE OR HIGHER. THAT'S UP FROM 17 PERCENT TEN YEARS AGO. NATIONALLY ABOUT 20 PERCENT OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SCORED THREE OR HIGHER ON THE EXAMS.

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Slug=VIRTUAL SCHOOLS

STATE REGULATORS IN MASSACHUSETTS ARE CLOSE TO APPROVING THE FIRST "VIRTUAL" PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE BOSTON AREA. "THE EDUCATION COOPERATIVE" HAS APPLIED FOR PERMISSION TO OPEN A "K THRU 12" CYBER SCHOOL THIS COMING FALL. THE DEDHAM BASED COMPANY ALREADY OFFERS ONLINE COURSES. IT WOULD BE THE SECOND VIRTUAL SCHOOL IN THE COMMONWEALTH. ACCORDING TO THE GLOBE, THE STATE EDUCATION COMMISSIONER HAS APPROVED THE PLAN, AND THE STATE BOARD WILL VOTE ON THE APPLICATION NEXT MONTH.

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Slug=HEALTHIER SCHOOLS

THE WHITE HOUSE IS SET TO UNVEIL NEW FEDERAL RULES THAT WOULD LIMIT MARKETING OF UNHEALTHY FOODS IN SCHOOLS. THE RULES WOULD PHASE OUT ADVERTISEMENTS FOR SUGARY DRINKS AND JUNK FOODS. THAT MEANS SCOREBOARDS AT HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL GAMES, FOR INSTANCE, WOULDN'T BE ALLOWED TO ADVERTISE SODAS. RIGHT NOW, 90-PERCENT OF ADVERTISING IN SCHOOLS FEATURES BEVERAGES. THE PROPOSAL WOULD ALSO GIVE MORE CHILDREN ACCESS TO FREE LUNCHESES. THE RULES ARE SET TO GO INTO EFFECT NEXT YEAR AND WILL BE ANNOUNCED TODAY AS PART OF FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA'S LET'S MOVE INITIATIVE TO COMBAT CHILDHOOD OBESITY.

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Slug=MISS MONEY

FOR YEARS THEY'VE BEEN TEACHING SCHOOLKIDS ABOUT MONEY, BY SINGING ABOUT SAVING. TOMORROW "MS. MONEY & THE COINS" ARE HEADED TO THE STATE HOUSE, TO PERFORM FOR POLITICIANS. BUT SHE'S HERE WITH US FIRST! MS. MONEY HERSELF IS JULIE BECKHAM.