

## CTC Survey Introductory Email

The Washington legislature has mandated that a common college readiness mathematics test be implemented on all CTC campuses by September 1, 2009 (2007 HB 1906). To reduce the testing burden on college-bound students, the Academic Placement Testing Program (AFTP) is revising the Math Placement Tests (MPT) currently used by the public universities so that the tests can assess college readiness as well as placing students into college-level math courses.

In revising the MPT, we are creating a new General test covering the Washington College Readiness Mathematics Standards (CRMS) to place students into a broad range of college-level math courses. Our hope is that the General test will be able to provide more accurate placement into college-level mathematics classes than some of the commercially available computer-adaptive tests that were designed for placement below college-level.

We have made a good start on revising the MPT and now need to think about implementation issues at the CTCs. From preliminary conversations with test administrators, we believe that most colleges use computer-adaptive testing for math placement in contrast to the paper-pencil tests administered by the universities. We would like to get a preliminary idea of how easy or difficult it would be for you to administer the MPT in its current form at your campus, and so have created a brief online survey. It should take only 15 minutes to complete.

We have created a brief online survey that should take only 15 minutes to complete. I hope you'll be able to take the time to fill it out in the next day or so, and of course feel free to call or email me with any question or concerns you might have.

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