**MI-Access Functional Independence Online Tools Training**

It is ready!  Phase I of the Online Tools Training allows your students an opportunity to interact with an online program that will look and function like the test engine that will be used for the MI-Access Functional independence online assessments this spring.

The purpose of this "practice" test is for students to become familiar with the functionality of the test engine, learn how to use the various tools available, and practice interacting with the system by answering sample test questions.

The Online Tools Training program contains instructions on how to use the available tools within the test engine, as well as 10 practice questions of varying types (such as independent questions, questions involving graphics, questions involving maps, passage based questions).  All questions on the online assessment will be what the students are used to seeing for MI-Access Functional Independence: multiple choice (question and three answer choices).

Unlike the M-STEP, there will not be any technology enhanced items this year and the constructed response items (Expressing Ideas) will be completed on paper by all students.

The sample questions will span all four content areas (ELA, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies) and the same Online Tools Training (or practice test) will be used by all grade levels.  Students may interact with this practice test as much as they wish, or as often as teachers determine is appropriate for the students.

Please note that this web-based version of the Online Tools will not include the text-to-speech audio. We are making this web based version available as early as possible so that students can interact with it as soon as possible, but the audio will not be available until late February.

Once the test engine (Insight) is available, please speak with your technology coordinators about getting the software loaded onto the machines you will use for the assessment as soon as possible. Once that software is loaded, Phase II of the Online Tools Training will be available within that software.

Phase II will contain the same content as the web version (Phase I), but will include the text-to-speech audio, which will be defaulted as "on" for all students taking MI-Access Functional independence online assessments (please see the Universal Tools section of the MI-Access Supports and Accommodations table).

The Phase I, web based version of Online Tools Training requires a Google Chrome browser and can be found using the following URL: https://wbte. drcedirect.com/MI/portals/mi/ott2