

# *Fall 2012 Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) Online Social Studies Pilot Announcements for Participating Schools/Districts*

## **Webcast for Online Pilot Schools/Districts**

Please see the link below for information regarding a webcast being held for school and district personnel who are participating in the Fall 2012 MEAP Online Social Studies Pilot. The webcast will be: Thursday, September 27, 2012 from 3:00 – 4:30pm, and a repeat session will be held on Wednesday, October 3, 2012 from 10:00 – 11:30am.

[http://michigan.gov/documents/mde/MEAP\\_SS\\_Online\\_Webcast\\_Event\\_398688\\_7.pdf](http://michigan.gov/documents/mde/MEAP_SS_Online_Webcast_Event_398688_7.pdf)

## **MIST™ Highlighter Tool Unavailable**

The online pilot Student Practice Test (released on 9/4/12) included a highlighter tool that unfortunately will not be available during the operational online administration this October. **The highlighter tool will not be available in MIST™ this fall** due to the following circumstances:

- BAA customer acceptance testing has shown that the highlighter tool does not function consistently
- We want to avoid introducing confusion or frustration into the online testing experience

Therefore, students who require the use of a highlighter during testing will need to take the paper-and-pencil version of the MEAP social studies test. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and fully expect the highlighting functionality to be available for future online testing administrations.

## **MIST™ Quick Start Guide Now Available**

The Quick Start Guide for MIST™ is now available on the Fall 2012 MEAP Online Social Studies webpage at: [http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-22709\\_31168-136745--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-22709_31168-136745--,00.html).

## **Questions?**

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