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Following is a statement from Mike Hanson, President of the CORE board and Superintendent of Fresno Unified School District on the letter released today from US Secretary of Education Arne Duncan on AB 484.

“The CORE districts support Secretary Duncan’s efforts and believe that rather than a partial field test of the new assessments, all of our students should have the benefit of taking both the math and the English language arts assessments. This field test would provide important information for school districts about whether they have the technology infrastructure in place to support computer-based assessments and to prepare for full CCSS implementation. Instead, we are missing a vital opportunity for teachers and students to experience the new CCSS expectations. Our state is also at risk of significant sanction from the U.S. Department of Education as laid out in today’s letter. We urge the state to provide the resources so all students can take both the English-language arts and mathematics tests this school year.”