* Materials Regarding “College and Career Readiness and the New State Tests” emailed from the Chancellor to principals *today, February 15*:
  + [the letter to be backpacked home to parents of students in grades 3-8](http://schools.nyc.gov/ui/cms/sites/commoncore/documents/Letter_elem.pdf); translated versions are available [here](http://schools.nyc.gov/Academics/CommonCoreLibrary/ForFamilies/UnderstandingCC/default.htm)
  + resources available to support families on the [Common Core Library](http://schools.nyc.gov/Academics/CommonCoreLibrary/default.htm) and [EngageNY](http://engageny.org/)
    - these include sample activities to use to help parents better understand the contrasts between old and new State tests, PowerPoint presentations that explain the Common Core shifts, and videos and other [materials for parents](http://schools.nyc.gov/Academics/CommonCoreLibrary/ForFamilies/UnderstandingCC/default.htm)—including a recording of a webinar that the Chancellor led recently about the Common Core
    - the Common Core Library will be updated soon with additional resources to share with parents and families