



## **PARCC (@PARCCPlace) LAUNCHES TWITTER TOWN HALL SERIES**

*Rhode Island Education Commissioner Deborah A. Gist (@deborahgist) to host inaugural chat using #askPARCC hashtag*

**WASHINGTON - May 31, 2013** - The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) today announced a series of Twitter town halls to answer questions on the new, computer-based assessments aligned to the Common Core State Standards. The PARCC assessments currently being developed by a 22-state consortium are designed to replace existing state tests. They will first be given in the 2014-2015 school year.

The PARCC series of Twitter town halls will start on June 5 with Rhode Island Education Commissioner and prolific tweeter Deborah A. Gist ([@deborahgist](#)). Questions can be asked by using the hashtag [#askPARCC](#) with Commissioner Gist responding to tweets between 6-7 p.m. ET. Commissioner Gist is a member of the PARCC Governing Board.

This first chat will focus on general PARCC questions and subsequent town halls will focus on more specific issues, such as questions from teachers, mathematics and English language arts content, higher education, technology and upcoming PARCC releases. All Twitter town halls will use the [#askPARCC](#) hashtag.

The first three are scheduled for:

<b>When</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Host(s)</b>
Wednesday, June 5 6-7pm ET	PARCC 101	RI Education Commissioner Deborah Gist ( <a href="#">@deborahgist</a> )
Thursday, June 13 6-7pm ET	PARCC Mathematics	Doug Sovde, Director, PARCC Instructional Supports and Educator Engagement, Achieve ( <a href="#">@dougsovde</a> ) PARCC State Content Expert(s) TBA
Thursday, June 20 6-7pm ET	PARCC English language/arts literacy	Bonnie Hain, Senior Advisor, English Language Arts and Literacy, Achieve ( <a href="#">@bonniehain</a> ) PARCC State Content Expert(s) TBA

Information about PARCC's July and August Twitter town halls will be announced in mid-June.

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