



Dr. S. Stuart Flanagan
Box 276
North, VA 23128

(804) 725-7997
(804) 725-5541 fax
ssflan@vims.edu

Visit *Tests for Higher Standards* online at
<http://www.tfhs.net>

Dr. David E.W. Mott
5310 Markel Rd.
Suite 104
Richmond, Va. 23230

(866) 724-9722
(804) 282-4126 fax
dem@tfhs.net

July, 2011

Dear Colleague:

Greetings with the hope you had a relaxing summer break and are now excited about moving forward with your SY 11-12 plans. We want to help make those plans a huge success! Your new CD will reflect the changes you suggested along with some improvements we made. **Briefly, here are the changes we have made over the past four years to ensure that we are 100% aligned to the current South Carolina Academic Standards:**

- **Mathematics** K-8 and EoC item banks have been totally revised to measure the **current** South Carolina Academic Standards. **The Grade Level tests are designed to cover the content that will be tested this year for PASS and EOCEP. HSAP remains unchanged.**
- **English** assessments have many more items and passages and are aligned to the current standards.
- **Science**, like Mathematics, has been totally revised to meet the **current** South Carolina Academic Standards. (Since last year, over 600 new items have been added.)
- **Social Studies** is 100% aligned to the content of the South Carolina Academic Standards. We have also revised the assessments to meet the appropriate cognitive level as defined within Bloom's taxonomy. We have tried to do this for all four core areas! We have a DRAFT of the new H/SS items aligned to the latest standards.
- **Software for making snapshot and benchmark tests along with directions are provided within each CD. You will be impressed with the degree of ease in using our process.**
- Should you need assistance in developing benchmark tests, we are able to offer that service.

When you receive your new CD, you are invited to call Dr. Flanagan at 804-725-7997 and I will walk you through and explain the layout. To make sure you can contact me by phone, email me when you want to call, or email me a time to call you.

We look forward to working with you and having another good year!

Best Wishes,

S. Stuart Flanagan

David E. W. Mott