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## **California Moves to New Student Testing System as Bonilla's AB 484 is Signed into Law**

*"AB 484 is the right educational policy at the right time,  
and California is the right state to lead this forward."*

"This is one of the most important and revolutionary changes to education policy, and California is the right state to lead the way. With this new law, our schools can move away from outdated STAR tests and prepare students and teachers for better assessments that reflect the real world knowledge needed for young people to succeed in college and careers," said Assemblywoman Susan A. Bonilla (D-Concord).

"Supporting a transition plan for the new state assessment system is just common sense. Our current testing system is limited measuring only rote memorization of facts, but the new assessments will actually measure how students apply knowledge and solve complex problems," said David Rattray, senior vice president of the education and workforce division at the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce. "As co-sponsors of this bill, we know that this is what the business community needs in order to have a trained and skilled workforce that will allow us to compete in a global market."

"California now has the chance to allow more students and schools to get a chance to test drive these new, computer-based assessments, and we need to take advantage of that opportunity," said State Board of Education President Michael Kirst.

AB 484 was sponsored by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and supported by Assembly and Senate leaders, businesses, school administrators, teachers, parents and, most importantly, students. It enables California to successfully transition to the next generation of school assessments. This bill suspends many of the statewide assessments beginning in 2013-14 and implements new assessments aligned to the Common Core State Standards in English and math beginning in 2014-15.

*Assemblywoman Susan A. Bonilla was first elected to the Assembly in November 2010, and represents California's 14th Assembly District, which is comprised of the north and central portions of Contra Costa County and southern portion of Solano County.*