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Aloha Paul,

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Great news to report on several fronts:

- Online reading test - we implemented the test and students at Kealakehe Inter. and Waimea Inter. have completed the Taylor Reading test (Reading Placement Appraisal – RPA).
- We have the results and have established our master schedule with our remedial English sections for elective credit only.

The challenging news is that over 70% of the students tested are reading below 6.5 level.

- ❖ The reports are very easy to read and hence, scheduling students has saved a lot of time.

CSAP and Credit Recovery

- Programs are going great and are showing tremendous potential
 - Currently, there are about 50 students enrolled in the credit recovery program.
 - CSAP also has about 60-70 students that the teacher is serving.
- ❖ We got the matter regarding mastery testing resolved; Pete(of The WARE Group) walked us through the process and we now have an assessment criteria in place for all of our courses; FYI: For each lesson, a student has two tries to score 80% or higher in order to pass; on the final review exam students have to pass an 80 item test with 75% proficiency; they have 1 attempt on the final; The test has to be taken in front of a counselor or the CSAP teacher.

The challenge now that I see for us is to get students more engaged in using the Taylor reading program. Now that I have a better understanding of how the program works, the PAVE process and other components of the Reading Plus program is a very viable strategy to help struggling readers. We just need to establish a reading lab and the person to teach it.

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