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**Sent time:** Wednesday, November 16, 2011 6:31:50 PM  
**To:** Cari Miller (Cari@excelined.org) <Cari@excelined.org>  
**Subject:** RE: I'm looking for the site in which the Third Grade TAP would be posted

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Cari,

Thanks for your message. I will definitely keep this on the down low. ☺

I spoke with Melinda, and we feel that we have a way to move forward and will work to do so as soon as possible.

Have a great evening and thanks again for all that you do!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Cari Miller (Cari@excelined.org) [mailto:Cari@excelined.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 16, 2011 8:57 AM  
**To:** Smith, Kevin  
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PS. Please don't mention that I'm suggesting this; it's something that should have been done, and it just wasn't priority.

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**From:** Smith, Kevin [mailto:Kevin.Smith@fldoe.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 16, 2011 8:10 AM  
**To:** Cari Miller (Cari@excelined.org)  
**Subject:** RE: I'm looking for the site in which the Third Grade TAP would be posted

Cari,

Thanks for this additional information. I will touch base with Melinda when I get back to the office.

Have a great day and thanks again for all that you do!

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**From:** Cari Miller ([Cari@excelined.org](mailto:Cari@excelined.org)) [<mailto:Cari@excelined.org>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 16, 2011 8:06 AM  
**To:** Smith, Kevin  
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Thanks Kevin, but more than that will need to be updated. Melinda should be able to help, but since it is statute changes request, I'm not sure if it is too late this year, but something that needs to occur sooner than later. It also reference FCRR's site as the programs that must be implemented for students retained twice in third grade; it suggests that they must have an assessment system like Reading First, etc.

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**From:** Smith, Kevin [<mailto:Kevin.Smith@fldoe.org>]  
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Cari,

Thanks for your message. I am glad that you found the link.

I will bring up your point about requiring more time for retained third grade students in statute.

Is there anything else that I can do to help?

Have a great day and thanks again for all you do!

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**From:** Cari Miller ([Cari@excelined.org](mailto:Cari@excelined.org)) [<mailto:Cari@excelined.org>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 15, 2011 04:39 PM  
**To:** Smith, Kevin  
**Subject:** RE: I'm looking for the site in which the Third Grade TAP would be posted

I found the link to the TAP.

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**From:** Cari Miller ([Cari@excelined.org](mailto:Cari@excelined.org))  
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**To:** Smith, Kevin ([Kevin.Smith@fldoe.org](mailto:Kevin.Smith@fldoe.org))  
**Subject:** I'm looking for the site in which the Third Grade TAP would be posted

Hi Kevin,

I'm looking for the site in which the Third Grade TAP would be posted under Progression. I found this site, but it doesn't include the 2010-2011 TAP. It could go on our site above the third grade rules that you posted, but it should also be on the progression site, and the site below. Any assistance you can provide would be great. I need to refer to it as a link in a document, yet there is no link!

<http://www.fldoe.org/ese/tap-home.asp>

Also, there really needs to be changes to the Statute, relating to retained third grade services; to start, it requires all retained third graders to receive a minimum of 90 minutes of instruction, yet that is the requirement for ALL K-5 students. It wasn't at the time this law was created, but it is now, so there should be more rigorous support for retained third graders (that was the original point). Just putting the bug in your ear as really, it should have been revisited once the K-12 Plans went into effect.

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