

Newfane Central School District is part of a consortium of 13 school districts that has been awarded a \$391,404 grant to review and improve student assessment practices. The “Teaching is the Core” grant from the New York State Education Department will fund activities from Sept. 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. The grant was one of 31 awarded statewide. See NYSED press release:

<http://www.nysed.gov/press/TeachingIsCoreGrants>

The consortium is led by Orleans/Niagara BOCES and includes the school districts of Albion, Barker, Lewiston-Porter, Lockport, Lyndonville, Medina, Newfane, Niagara Falls, Niagara Wheatfield, North Tonawanda, Royalton-Hartland, Starpoint, and Wilson.

Each District will create a local assessment review team of teachers and administrators to conduct the work. An educational consultant will also provide extensive training, helping all the districts to determine the review process, what assessments to review, and to create an action plan based on their findings. Engaging parents in each district on the use of assessments is also a goal of the grant.