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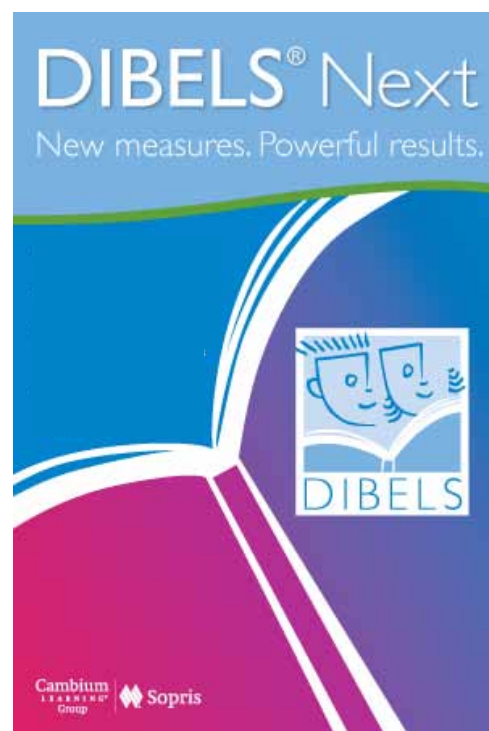
## DMG is Pleased to Announce the Release of DIBELS Next

After more than four years of research and development, the newest version of DIBELS, DIBELS Next, will be available in spring 2010.

“This is the culmination of years of research, careful consideration of user feedback, and the desire to make DIBELS the best possible tool for universal screening and progress monitoring foundational literacy skills,” said DIBELS author Dr. Roland H. Good, III.

The improved version of DIBELS features all new forms and Oral Reading Fluency passages, larger format scoring booklets to facilitate scoring, and a new measure of reading comprehension, Daze, based on maze procedures, for third through sixth grades. DIBELS Next also replaces Initial Sound Fluency with a new early phonemic awareness measure, First Sound Fluency, that is easier to administer and score. Retell is also now integrated into the Oral Reading Fluency measure.

Despite considerable changes, DIBELS Next retains the basic structure of DIBELS by being comprised of brief, standardized, repeated indicators of foundational early literacy skills. “A considerable amount of effort has been made to retain the best qualities of DIBELS while improving and updating the content and format of the measures,” said DIBELS author Dr. Ruth Kaminski. “We are extremely excited about the resulting product and the way it will help



schools implement a model of reading instruction that maximally benefits all students.”

The research behind DIBELS Next is extensive. New reliability and validity data were collected on all measures and new benchmark goals and cut points for risk are being calculated as a result of the research. In addition, a new readability formula was used to ensure less variability for the Oral Reading Fluency measure, and passages were correlated with a NAEP reading fluency passage.

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## Seen & Heard

► **Albuquerque, NM: DIBELS leaders, researchers, and trainers gathered at the 2010 DIBELS**



*Summit presented by the High Plains Regional Education*

*Cooperative. DIBELS authors Ruth Kaminski and Roland Good presented on the changes in DIBELS Next.*

► **Tell us about DIBELS events in your area! Help us keep DIBELS Newsletter readers informed of events and research by emailing [dibelsnews@dibels.org](mailto:dibelsnews@dibels.org) with information about DIBELS happenings in your region.**

## Inside peek:

In Focus



Read about the Individual Growth and Development Indicators (IGDIs), DIBELS-like early literacy measures for preschool students

Spotlight

Learn more about the many options for professional development for DIBELS Next provided by DMG

In News



A look at recent news articles from around the country featuring the use of DIBELS

