Why was the system enhanced?
AIR/Cambium Assessment continually solicits feedback and updates our systems. As a result of this feedback we have made some changes to how users will interact with the system. All of the functions you are used to remain, and can be interacted with in virtually the same way, however we have added new functionality and improved the appearance of other tasks.

What improvements will I notice right away?

- Updated dashboard
- Updated Filters panel for items & tests
- New columns in the item & test tables
- Re-designed landing page for the Item & Test Builder pages
- New ways to sort your template options
- Relocated Item Properties menu button
- New toggle switch from test layout to summary

You can see a few of the improvements here:

The new landing page shows two menus, allowing you to go directly to the task you would like to work on. Three tabs at the top of the page will remain on every dashboard allowing you to go to any area you choose from any dashboard.

The item templates can now be arranged alphabetically or sorted by common usage.

The Properties panel is now a menu button on the toolbar. It drops down instead of taking up room on the side. Each item builder page now comes with a tutorial button that plays a short, animated video showing you how to create that item type.

The collapsible Filters panel includes: Libraries, Status, Favorites, Items to Review, Labels, Passage Association, Item Types, and Standard. Using filters helps eliminate unnecessary items from your table of results so you can find exactly what you need. The new Standard column displays the standard aligned with each item.
More improvements:

Two panels now display: "Create from Template" and "Insert from Library." The library templates feature item thumbnails showing call-outs marking passage items and those items linked to the passage. The Filters panel expands from the right without overlapping the page.

Notice that each toolbar now includes a pointer clarifying whether the toolbar applies to the entire test or to an individual item. The Test Properties button is expanded in this view.

Will my old tests and items be available in the new system?

All your previously constructed content will display in your item and test tables.

The # of Items Column is new, as is the Print option in the toolbar. All your old tests will appear in the test table.

What kinds of resources are available for learning the new system?

You will have access to the following resources from the portal:

- The Authoring User Guide
- A short Power Point presentation highlighting the new functionality
- A longer Power Point presentation helpful to new users of the system.

If you still have questions, contact the Help Desk:

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When will I be able to access the new system?

The go-live date for the newly enhanced Authoring system is March 13th, 2020. More information will be forthcoming.