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A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads
Route To: Principals, School Counselors, Instructional Coaches, District Test Coordinators and Assistant Superintendents of Curriculum and Instruction
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Deadline: November 8, 2019 for reporting results to local boards of education (60 days after September 9)

Spring 2019 Statewide Assessment Results

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) would like to thank all districts for making the Spring 2019 assessment administration a success.

District Receipt of Individual Student Reports (ISRs)

By September 9, 2019, ISRs for mathematics and English language arts (ELA) New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA) and Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) will be distributed to district central offices.

ISRs will be sent to both the sending and receiving districts for students who receive instruction at a school other than their accountable school. **Once districts receive the ISRs, a copy should be immediately mailed to parents/guardians.** To support your communication efforts, a sample parent cover letter is linked below.

Reporting Recommendations and Requirements

The NJDOE strongly encourages school and district leaders to review, analyze and discuss all assessment results with staff as soon as possible.

Districts must report statewide assessment results to local school boards within 60 days of receipt, which will be November 8, 2019 (60 days after September 9).¹ This includes NJSLA ELA, NJSLA mathematics, DLM, and ACCESS for ELLs results, but does not include NJSLA Science as results have not yet been released. If a district administered fall block assessments or ACCESS for ELLs² and has not yet publicly presented the results, the district must include those results in the presentation to the public. The report must include aggregated and disaggregated subgroup data, as well as trend and comparative analyses and appropriate intervention strategies.³

For district awareness, the NJDOE plans to publicly release statewide district and school-level data in early fall.

District Communication Resources

To support your efforts, the NJDOE has developed the following resources to assist districts in communicating statewide assessment results with educators, boards of education and parents/guardians:

- [Sample cover letter](#) for the mailing of Individual Student Reports
- [Score report interpretation guide](#) for English language arts (ELA) and mathematics

¹ Per [N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.3\(a\)](#): Chief School Administrators are required to report assessment results to district boards of education within 60 days of receipt of reports

² ACCESS for ELLs results were delivered to districts as of June 13, 2019

³ [N.J.A.C. 6A:30](#): Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts Appendix A and Appendix B

- [Sample PowerPoint template](#) for reporting statewide assessment results to local boards of education

Resources to assist with the sharing of DLM results can be found on the [DLM homepage](#) under the section titled “Scoring and Reporting.”

Online Portal with Video Score Reports

In addition to traditional ISRs, 2019 NJSLA ELA and math results will be accessible in an online portal for parents/guardians in early October 2019. The portal will include the student’s scale score and a video score report which communicates information from the ISR through animations and a voiceover in New Jersey’s top five languages: English, Spanish, Chinese, Portuguese and Arabic. The portal will also allow for parents/guardians to track their student’s scores from year to year, beginning with spring 2019. Additional information will be provided to districts when the portal becomes available.

Digital Item Library

Also available this year is the new [Digital Item Library](#), which provides access to released items from the NJSLA ELA and mathematics assessments. The Digital Item Library provides the ability to search for specific items by subject and grade, as well as sorting by Evidence Statement or standard. The assessment items are displayed online and allow users to interact with the items in the same way as student test-takers.

If you have any questions regarding the release of spring 2019 statewide assessment results, please contact the Office of Assessments at (609) 376-3960 or assessment@doe.nj.gov.

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