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To: Local Educational Agency Leads

Route To: Principals, School Counselors, Instructional Coaches, District Test Coordinators, Assistant Superintendents of Curriculum and Instruction

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Deadlines: *N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.3(b)*: 30 days for mailing paper Individual Student Reports (ISRs) to parents/guardians upon receipt
N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.3(a): 60 days for reporting results to local school boards of education upon receipt of results

Spring 2022 Statewide Assessment Results

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) would like to thank all districts for making the Spring 2022 assessment administration a success. One of the primary purposes of our statewide assessment program is to identify areas of curricular strength along with opportunities for improvement in each of the tested content areas. Districts are encouraged to review these results in conjunction with locally administered assessments to determine the optimum mechanism to support learning and mastery of our state's rigorous standards.

District Receipt of Individual Student Reports (ISRs)

The chart below details when local education agencies can expect to receive ISRs as well as the 30-day deadline date to distribute ISRs to parents/guardians, and the 60-day deadline date to report assessment results to local boards of education. All assessment results will be sent directly to district central offices.

Assessment programs	ISRs received in the district no later than	30 days after receipt of results to report to parents ¹	60 days after receipt of results to report to the local board of education ²
NJSLA	September 9, 2022	October 10, 2022	November 9, 2022
Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)	September 9, 2022	October 10, 2022	November 9, 2022

ISRs will be sent to both the sending and receiving districts for students who receive their instruction at a school other than their accountable school. Once districts receive their ISRs, a copy must be mailed to parents/guardians within 30 days. The NJDOE encourages districts to share the ISRs with students’ families as soon as practicable to facilitate the timely distribution of student results. To support these communication efforts, sample parent cover letters are linked in the district communication resources section of this broadcast.

District and State Reporting

Summative and summary files were made available electronically to assigned school and district staff on August 29, 2022. The NJDOE strongly encourages school and district leaders to review, analyze and discuss all assessment results with staff as soon as possible.

Assessment Results Summary Reports (ARSR)

The NJDOE is providing districts with an additional report named the *Assessment Results Summary Report (ARSR)*. This new report is designed to provide organizational level summary data by grade, demographic, student, or report dynamically within PearsonAccess^{next}. The ARSR will allow the District Test Coordinator to have access to all views within this report. Additionally, this report will allow schools within an organization to have access to view data by creating Reporting Groups. Reporting Groups will allow educators to access data for specific students who are assigned to them.

Reporting Requirement

Districts must report statewide assessment results to local school boards within 60 days of receipt. This includes NJSLA ELA, mathematics, science, ACCESS for ELLs, and DLM results. If a district administered fall block assessments or ACCESS for ELLs 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, comparative analyses, and appropriate intervention strategies.³ The number of students for reporting is a minimum of 10 as per suppression rules applied to student data to protect student confidentiality.

For district awareness, the NJDOE plans to publicly release statewide district and school-level data in early fall. In accordance with federal requirements that the NJDOE publicly report school-level participation and performance data disaggregated by student subgroup, the NJDOE plans to publicly release statewide assessment results in late winter 2022.

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 mailing of ISRs.](#)
- Score report interpretation guide for NJSLA ELA, mathematics, and science is available on the New Jersey Assessments Resource Center under Educator Resources > Educator Reporting Resources.
- A sample PowerPoint template for reporting statewide assessment results to local boards of education will be made available no later than September 30, 2022 and can be accessed on the NJDOE's [Assessment](#) webpage under the tab **NJSLA > NJSLA Resource for Districts.**

Resources to assist with the sharing of DLM results can be found on the [DLM webpage](#) under the section titled "Scoring and Reporting." Additionally, ACCESS for ELLs results can be found on the [WIDA webpage](#). Once on this page, select "New Jersey" from the Members/State drop-down menu and then select "Reporting Resources."

Online Portal with Video Score Reports

In addition to the paper ISRs, the 2022 NJSLA ELA, mathematics, and science results will be accessible in the online portal for parents/guardians on or about September 19, 2022. The portal will include the student's scale score and a video score report which communicates information from the ISR through animations and voiceover in the state'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 the spring 2019 assessment results.

¹ Per N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.3(b): Chief school administrators shall provide educators, parents, and students with the results of annual assessments as required under N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.2(a), within 30 days of receipt of information from the Department.

² Per N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.3(a): Chief School Administrators shall report final results of annual assessments to district boards of education and members of the public at a public meeting within 60 days of receipt of information from the Department.

³ N.J.A.C. 6A:30: Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts Appendix A and B.

Digital Item Library and New Meridian Item Library

The [Digital Item Library](#) (NJSLA ELA, mathematics, and science) and [New Meridian Item Library](#) (NJSLA ELA and mathematics) provide access to released items from our statewide assessment programs. The Digital Item Library categorizes items by Evidence Statements or Standards and contains searchable fields to help find specific items. The items can be viewed in the format presented on the computer-based assessment or downloaded as individual or bulk PDFs. The New Meridian Item Library categorizes released items for educators, students, and parents/guardians to become familiar with the various items previously administered and it also provides answer keys and scored examples of student responses.

If you have any questions regarding the release of spring 2022 statewide assessment results, please contact the Office of Assessments at (609) 376-3960 or assessment@doe.nj.gov.

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