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New DAC Orientation Preparation

If you have already registered for the New DAC Orientation, you received (or will soon receive) an email this afternoon containing additional information and resources including the prerequisite reading, the New DAC Orientation PowerPoint presentation, and multiple handouts.

If you do not receive the email or register for the New DAC Orientation this afternoon or later, send an email to mde.testing@state.mn.us requesting the materials. Please specify whether you registered for the webinar or one of the in-person trainings.

For more information on the New DAC Orientation, including times and registration links, see the Upcoming Opportunities article below.

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Data Sharing Agreement Update

Last month, MDE included a data sharing agreement as an attachment to an *Assessment Update*. The data sharing agreement is required for a district's Student Information System (SIS) or Data Warehouse vendor to receive data extracts from Pearson and/or final data from MDE.

Based on feedback MDE received from vendors, some of the language of the agreement was updated. If your district is going to participate in a data sharing agreement with your SIS or Data Warehouse vendor, you will need to wait to receive the final version of the data sharing agreement from them to sign. The previous version of the data sharing agreement will not work for official documentation of the agreement.

WIDA AMS Account Updates Clarification

Note: Last week's *Assessment Update* prematurely made an announcement about account updates in WIDA AMS. The accounts were updated on the weekend of Sept. 29, and the following paragraph is now accurate.

Accounts in WIDA AMS were recently updated to the current school year. Everyone with a WIDA AMS user account should have received an email stating that their WIDA AMS profile has been updated. For anyone who did not receive the email, they can verify their account has been updated by ensuring that the 2018–2019 Administration is available in the WIDA AMS Administration drop-down menu.

Upcoming Opportunities

New DAC Orientation

Next week, MDE and Pearson will provide a New DAC Orientation. Though designed as an introduction for new DACs in their first or second year, other relatively new DACs are also welcome to attend. MDE will present on the roles and responsibilities of a DAC, the assessments included in the Minnesota Assessments, relevant MDE systems, available resources, and training opportunities. Pearson will present on PearsonAccess Next, TestNav, reporting resources, and the Training Management System.

Note: For those who cannot make it to an in-person training, there will be a webinar option for the MDE portion of the webinar. Pearson's portion will be posted in the Training Management System as a recorded training.

Each session will be from 9 a.m.–3 p.m. with check-in beginning at 8:30 a.m. Morning refreshments and a light lunch will be provided. To help with the planning of catering and logistics, please register by Oct. 5.

DATE & REGISTRATION	LOCATION
Monday, Oct. 8 9 a.m.–noon Register for the New DAC orientation webinar.	Webinar (MDE portion only)
Tuesday, Oct. 9 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Register for the Mankato orientation.	Courtyard: Mankato Gallery A 901 Raintree Rd. Mankato, MN 56001

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<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, Oct. 10 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Register for the St. Cloud orientation.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Courtyard: St. Cloud 5th Ave. Room 404 West Germain St. St. Cloud, MN 56301</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, Oct. 11 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Register for the Roseville orientation.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Minnesota Department of Education Conference Center A: Rooms 13 & 14 1500 Hwy 36 West Roseville, MN 55113</p>

Interpreting ACCESS Score Reports for Instruction Training

Professional Development staff from the WIDA Consortium will conduct in-person trainings at three locations around the state focused on interpreting the ACCESS score reports for instruction. The intended audience for this training is EL educators and coordinators.

Participants will examine the different types of reports and their connection to the WIDA English Language Development Standards Framework, as well as how these reports can serve as a tool to initiate discussion on instruction.

Registration is limited to two people from a district or charter school. Each session will be from 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m. with check-in beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Note: There are currently very few registrants for the Mankato training on Oct. 18. If you are planning to attend the Mankato session, the deadline to register is Oct. 8. (This deadline does not apply to the two other sessions.) If there are not enough registrants, the Mankato meeting will be cancelled.

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<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, Oct. 16 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Register for the ACCESS training in St. Cloud.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Rasmussen College: St. Cloud Rooms 104/106 226 Park Ave. S St. Cloud, MN 56301</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, Oct. 17 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Register for the ACCESS training at MDE.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Minnesota Department of Education Conference Center B: Rooms 17 & 18 1500 Hwy 36 West Roseville, MN 55113</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, Oct. 18 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Register for the ACCESS training in North Mankato.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">South Central Service Cooperative (SCSC) Conference Center 2075 Lookout Dr. North Mankato, MN 56003</p>

MDE Educator Workshop and Focus Group

MDE will provide a full-day workshop designed for teachers and DACs at various locations across the state and will be joined by Dr. Michael Rodriguez, Professor of Educational Measurement and Campbell Leadership Chair in Education and Human Development from the University of Minnesota. The workshop will include a discussion on the formative uses of assessments, practice time with classroom assessments, and an update on the redesign of the Benchmark Reports.

The day will finish with a focus group for teachers on the Testing 1, 2, 3 website and work time for DACs with Dr. Rodriguez. The Testing 1, 2, 3 website is a website in development for educators through a grant given to Minnesota with specific instruction to create a website where teachers could access data, learn how to interpret data, and use the data to inform educational and instructional decisions. Testing 1, 2, 3 will officially launch this winter; pages and documents may continue to be revised based on feedback and focus groups. Additional information on the website will be provided in the *Assessment Update* when the site launches.

Lunch will be provided to all participants who attend the full-day workshop.

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<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, Oct. 15</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Register for the Educator Workshop and Focus Group in Marshall.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Southwest West Central Service Cooperative (SW/WC): Marshall</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, Oct. 16</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Register for the Educator Workshop and Focus Group in North Mankato.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">South Central Service Cooperative: North Mankato</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, Oct. 29</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Register for the Educator Workshop and Focus Group in St. Cloud.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Resource Training and Solutions: St. Cloud</p>

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Tuesday, Oct. 30 Register for the Educator Workshop and Focus Group in Fergus Falls.	Lakes Country Service Cooperative: Fergus Falls
Wednesday, Oct. 31 Register for the Educator Workshop and Focus Group in Staples.	Sourcewell (previously known as National Joint Powers Alliance): Staples
Thursday, Nov. 1 Register for the Educator Workshop and Focus Group in Thief River Falls.	Northwest Service Cooperative: Thief River Falls
Tuesday, Nov. 6 Register for the Educator Workshop and Focus Group in Roseville.	Metro Educational Cooperative Service Unit (ECSU): Roseville
Thursday, Nov. 8 Register for the Educator Workshop and Focus Group in Hermantown.	Arrowhead Regional Computing Consortium (ARCC): Hermantown
Tuesday, Nov. 13 Register for the Educator Workshop and Focus Group in Rochester.	Southeast Service Cooperative: Rochester

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Tech Update

Support Added for Chrome, MacOS, and iOS

Pearson has confirmed compatibility and added support for the following operating systems for the spring 2019 administration:

- Chrome OS 69
- macOS 10.14
- iOS 12

View [full system requirements for TestNav](#) including supported devices, operating systems, and browsers (PearsonAccess Next > TestNav 8 Online Support (under Quick Links) > TestNav System Requirements).

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