

AN UPDATE FROM STATEWIDE TESTING – JUNE 13, 2018

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Posttest Editing Feedback Needed

This Friday, June 15, is the last day to complete the [Posttest Editing Pilot District Feedback survey](#) regarding your experience with Posttest Editing this year.

If you have not yet completed the survey, please take one minute—that is all it takes—to provide your feedback on your district’s ability to get Posttest Editing done in two weeks. It is critical that MDE gets feedback from as many districts as possible so that we can make a decision knowing that all or most districts gave input.

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Posttest Editing Discrepancies Report

The Posttest Editing Discrepancies Report is a list of the district’s discrepancies that remained at the end of Posttest Editing and is available under File Transfer on the Test WES Dashboard. This report may be helpful if there are questions about a student’s results following the release of final assessment results. Note that remaining discrepancies cannot be resolved.

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Upcoming Opportunities

ESSA Data and Communications Trainings

This August, the assessment results will be released, along with the first identifications of schools and districts for support under Minnesota’s new North Star accountability system. MDE staff who work with accountability,

data analytics, and communications are hosting regional trainings this week focused on interpreting and communicating accountability results.

MDE asks that districts send two staff members (one with a focus on data and one with a focus on communicating with the media and the public) to attend the training. If your district has not already participated in a training, please consider signing up for the online webinar presented tomorrow, June 14, or the session at MDE this Friday, June 15. [Register the ESSA Data and Communications Training](#).

DATE AND TIME	LOCATION
Thursday, June 14 (9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.)	Online Webinar
Friday, June 15 (9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.)	Roseville (MDE)

Educator Data Training and Focus Groups

This week, MDE and Pearson started conducting a free training and focus group for the new teacher website (Testing 1, 2, 3) and the redesign of the Benchmark Reports.

Note: Due to low numbers, some of the originally scheduled sessions have been cancelled. You may still register for one of the sessions below.

TRAINING CITY	DATE	LINK TO REGISTER
North Mankato	Thursday, June 14	Register for the South Central Service Cooperative workshop.
Staples	Tuesday, June 19	Register for the National Joint Powers Alliance workshop.
Thief River Falls	Thursday, June 21	Register for the Northwest Service Cooperative workshop.

New DAC Q&A Webinar

The June Q&A Webinar for New DACs will be on Tuesday, June 19 from 2–3 p.m.

- [Register for the New DAC Q&A here.](#)
 - Phone Number: 206-596-0378
 - Access Code: 808 984 974

- [Submit questions via this link.](#)

The prerequisites for the webinar are to read Chapter 10 of the [Procedures Manual](#) (PearsonAccess Next > Resources & Training > Policies and Procedures) and view the *Introduction to the District and School Student Results (DSR and SSR) Files* training which is now posted in the [Training Management System \(TMS\)](#) (PearsonAccess Next > Resources & Training > Training), on the Data and Reporting page.

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Odds and Ends

- **Missing Barcode Report:** A Missing Barcode Report is available for download in PearsonAccess Next under Published Reports for districts who have (or had) missing materials. This report will be updated weekly (on Monday mornings) until Oct. 1 to reflect any additional secure materials that have been returned. For more information, refer to [Viewing Shipment Information and Ordering Additional Materials](#) (PearsonAccess Next > Resources & Training > User Guides).
- **Important Reporting Dates:** To find a complete list of reporting dates for statewide assessments, refer to the stand-alone version of [Important Dates for 2017–18](#) (PearsonAccess Next > Resources & Training > Policies and Procedures). Note: The Important Dates section of the *Procedures Manual* does not include reporting dates as they had not been finalized when it was published.

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