AN UPDATE FROM STATEWIDE TESTING—JULY 31, 2019

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• District Testing Calendars • PearsonAccess Next Reports: Preparation for 2019 Results • Testing 1, 2, 3 Website Launch • Upcoming Opportunities • Tech Update	*Aug. 7:* Preliminary embargoed district accountability results available in Secure Reports *Aug. 26:* Embargoed summary accountability results available in Secure Reports *Aug. 27:* Media provided embargoed accountability results *Aug. 29:* Public release of final results in the Data Center *Aug. 29:* Results available in PearsonAccess Next (MCA/MTAS) and WIDA AMS (ACCESS/Alternate ACCESS) *Aug. 29:* Student reports arrive in districts

District Testing Calendar

Districts are required to post a comprehensive testing calendar on the district website before the first day of the school year; this information may also be posted on school-level websites if the district chooses. Districts may choose how to display the information (e.g., in a chart, a calendar format), but it should be presented in a way that is as easy to access as possible. Core requirements for the district testing calendar have not changed and are detailed in the *2018–19 Procedures Manual*, starting on page 125 (PearsonAccess Next > Resources & Training > Policies and Procedures).

PearsonAccess Next Reports: Preparation for 2019 Results

In preparation for loading the MCA and MTAS 2019 final results in PearsonAccess Next, Historical Student Data and Longitudinal Reports will be unavailable from Aug. 5–28 in PearsonAccess Next. All Longitudinal Reports and Historical Student Data will again be available—along with the 2019 results—on Aug. 29.

On-Demand Reports and Reporting Groups for 2019 preliminary results will be removed on Aug. 29, which is when districts will receive their Individual Student Reports (ISRs) shipment and when 2019 results will be available in Published Reports in PearsonAccess Next.

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Testing 1, 2, 3 Website Launch

Testing 1, 2, 3 is a new website for educators and will officially launch on Aug. 5. While the website has been available throughout its development, it will begin to be used and referenced more widely once launched. The site has been redesigned based on teacher feedback to help Minnesota educators better understand how to use assessment data to inform instruction and decisions. Please share this information with teachers and relevant school leaders who work with teachers, curriculum, or assessment data.

If you have questions or feedback—or if your district would like to request online or in-person professional development related to the resources on the site—contact Kendra Olsen at kendra.olsen@state.mn.us.

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Upcoming Opportunities

Pearson Reporting Training

Pearson will provide an in-depth review of Published Reports, Longitudinal Reports, and Historical Student Data in PearsonAccess Next on Aug. 23 from 10–11 a.m. The webinar is limited to the first 150 participants. No registration is required. Join the *PearsonAccess Next: Published and Longitudinal Reports* on Aug. 23.

Use the link above to join the webinar. To join by phone, use the following information:

- Date: Aug. 23 from 10–11 a.m.

- Call-in phone number: 877-554-0877

- Conference code: 571 468 0293

The training will be recorded, and the session recording and PowerPoint presentation will be posted in the Training Management System on Friday, Aug. 30.

Note: While access to the new Benchmark Reports will be discussed in this training, detailed information about these reports will be provided in a separate training.

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Tech Update

WIDA Webinars for COS

Central Office Services – Service Device (COS-SD) will replace the Testing Site Manager (TSM), and is being phased in this summer. Supporting documentation for COS-SD is available in WIDA AMS ([Log in] > All Applications > Documents > Show [all] Documents) and in the WIDA Secure Portal ([Log In] > Technology Coordinators).

As a reminder, WIDA and DRC will be hosting the final webinar for technology coordinators on the steps to implement COS-SD on Thursday, Aug. 1 from 10–11 a.m. Join the COS Transition (Part Three) webinar on Aug. 1.

If you missed either of the first two COS Webinars, WIDA has recordings of them available to view.

- Watch the recording of the COS Transition (Part One) webinar.
- Watch the recording of the COS Transition (Part Two) webinar.

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