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SIS and Data Warehouse Preliminary Data Extracts

Last week, all DACs received an email from Pearson explaining that they will be offering Student Information System (SIS) and data warehouse vendors the opportunity to receive regularly scheduled extracts of preliminary On-Demand test results data for the MCA and MTAS during the 2019 testing window. This will allow vendors to load the preliminary On-Demand data directly into their system, providing more ready access for teachers.

As of Wednesday, Sept. 19, at noon, Pearson has received commitment to use the extracts from the following vendors:

- cmERDC (Viewpoint)
- Peridot Solutions (LearnersEdge)
- Sourcewell (formerly TIES)

Pearson has contacted the following SIS and data warehouse vendors and is still waiting on commitment:

- Edupoint (Synergy)
- Infinite Campus (Campus)
- JMC

- MBA (PowerSchool)
- Region1
- Skyward
- SpEd Forms
- Tyler Technologies (Schoolmaster)

Keep in mind that **only vendors who have provided commitment to use the extracts to Pearson by Sept. 28 will be eligible to receive regularly scheduled extracts for the spring 2019 test administration preliminary data.** If your district would like to use this service, please consider contacting your SIS vendor or data warehouse vendor to express your interest.

In addition, in order for the preliminary data to be included on the extract, DACs will be required to authorize in PearsonAccess Next which SIS or data warehouse vendor should receive their student data on a regularly scheduled extract. If the DAC does not authorize the data to be sent in an SIS or data warehouse vendor extract, it will not be included. DACs will be able to begin authorizing Pearson to provide data to vendors in February, and the first extract will begin in March.

SIS and data warehouse vendors can contact Pearson for more information at 888-817-8659 or [submit a help desk request](#).

Data Sharing Agreement

A data sharing agreement will be required between the district and the SIS or data warehouse vendor, and filed with MDE. The agreement will be provided to districts by the SIS or data warehouse vendor and must be signed by Dec. 10. The data sharing agreement is attached for reference.

The data sharing agreement includes the option of receiving preliminary data, final data, or both. A separate data sharing agreement will be needed if a district has different vendors for preliminary and final data.

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Reimbursements for College Entrance Exams

This week, MDE will issue reimbursement to districts based on their requests (made by Sept. 14) in the Graduation Requirements Records (GRR) system for eligible students who took a qualifying college entrance exam (ACT or SAT). Be sure to let your business office know to expect the coming payment, which will be identified with "ACT/SAT REIM," followed by the date, and a unique number (e.g. 0000039). The payment will also contain the explanation of GRR-REIMBURSEMENT.

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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.

DATE & REGISTRATION	LOCATION
Tuesday, Oct. 16 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Register for the ACCESS training in St. Cloud.	Rasmussen College: St. Cloud Rooms 104/106 226 Park Ave. S St. Cloud, MN 56301
Wednesday, Oct. 17 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Register for the ACCESS training at MDE.	Minnesota Department of Education Conference Center B: Rooms 17 & 18 1500 Hwy 36 West Roseville, MN 55113
Thursday, Oct. 18 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Register for the ACCESS training in North Mankato.	South Central Service Cooperative (SCSC) Conference Center 2075 Lookout Dr. North Mankato, MN 56003

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Translated Word Lists in PearsonAccess Next

Word-to-word translations using translated word lists are allowed for English learners, former English learners, or students in immersion or dual language programs on the Mathematics and Science MCA. The list may be provided in conjunction with the online test or with paper accommodated test materials. These translated word lists must be a printed version from the [Translated Word Lists page](#) (PearsonAccess Next > Preparing for Testing > Translated Word Lists).

Note: After evaluating the word lists at the conclusion of the 2018 test administration, some words were added to the translated word lists for math. These lists are not expected to be updated annually, but districts should be sure to use these updated lists for this school year.

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District Testing Calendars Must Be Posted

Districts were required to post their testing calendar on the district website by the first day of school. If a district has not posted their calendar, they need to do as soon as possible in order to be in compliance with legislative requirements.

The [2018–19 Statewide Testing Calendar](#) is available on MDE’s website (MDE > Districts, Schools and Educators > Teaching and Learning > Statewide Testing > Minnesota Tests > 2018–19 Testing Calendar). Districts may reference the state calendar as they address the federal and state requirements for testing calendars, which require more detailed information than the state’s testing windows, including the specific day(s) when each grade (by school) will be taking the applicable test(s). For full details, see page 129 of the [2017–18 Procedures Manual](#) (PearsonAccess Next > Resources & Training > Policies and Procedures).

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MDE Educator Workshop and Focus Group

This fall, MDE will provide a full-day workshop 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. Lunch will be provided to all participants who attend the full-day workshop.

DATE & REGISTRATION	LOCATION
<p>Monday, Oct. 15 Registration link coming soon.</p>	<p>Southwest West Central Service Cooperative (SW/WC): Marshall</p>
<p>Tuesday, Oct. 16 Register for the Educator Workshop and Focus Group in North Mankato.</p>	<p>South Central Service Cooperative: North Mankato</p>
<p>Monday, Oct. 29 Register for the Educator Workshop and Focus Group in St. Cloud.</p>	<p>Resource Training and Solutions: St. Cloud</p>

DATE & REGISTRATION	LOCATION
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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Upcoming Opportunities

New DAC Orientation

In October, 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, and reporting resources.

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.

DATE & REGISTRATION	LOCATION
<p>Monday, Oct. 8 9 a.m.–noon Register for the New DAC orientation webinar.</p>	<p>Webinar (MDE portion only)</p>
<p>Tuesday, Oct. 9 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Register for the Mankato orientation.</p>	<p>Courtyard: Mankato Gallery A 901 Raintree Rd. Mankato, MN 56001</p>
<p>Wednesday, Oct. 10 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Register for the St. Cloud orientation.</p>	<p>Courtyard: St. Cloud 5th Ave. Room 404 West Germain St. St. Cloud, MN 56301</p>
<p>Thursday, Oct. 11 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Register for the Roseville orientation.</p>	<p>Minnesota Department of Education Conference Center A: Rooms 13 & 14 1500 Hwy 36 West Roseville, MN 55113</p>

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Odds and Ends

- Benchmark Reports:** The 2018 Benchmark Reports are now available in PearsonAccess Next under Reports > Published Reports for District Assessment Coordinator (DAC) and Assessment Administrator (AA) user roles. A *Published Reports Quick Guide*, as well as *Benchmark Reports User Guides* and “How To” *Quick Guides* for each subject are also available on the [Additional Reporting Resources page](#) (PearsonAccess Next > Reporting Resources > Additional Reporting Resources).

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