

AN UPDATE FROM STATEWIDE TESTING – SEPTEMBER 5, 2018

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## ***Deadline Approaching: Requesting Reimbursement in GRR***

The deadline for districts to request reimbursement in the Graduation Requirements Records (GRR) for 2017–18 is **Friday, Sept. 14**. After completing requests for reimbursement, use the reimbursement reports (refreshed each morning) to confirm requests:

- The *Claimed Student Detail Report* details what records will be reimbursed.
- The *Estimated Student Amount Report* gives an estimate of the amount that will be received.

See the [Graduation Requirements Records \(GRR\) User Guide](#) for more information (MDE website > Districts, Schools and Educators > Business and Finance > Data Submissions > Graduation Requirements (GRR)).

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## ***Final 2018 Assessment and Accountability Results***

Assessment and accountability results are now available to the public in the [Minnesota Report Card](#) (MDE website > Data Center > Minnesota Report Card) and the [Accountability and Assessment reports](#) (MDE website > Data Center > Data Reports and Analytics).

Visit MDE's [School and District Accountability page](#) for more information on the new North Star accountability system (MDE website > Districts, Schools and Educators > School Achievement > School and District Accountability), or send an email to [mde.essa@state.mn.us](mailto:mde.essa@state.mn.us) with any questions related to accountability.

Individual Student Reports (ISRs) for both MCA/MTAS and ACCESS/Alternate ACCESS for ELLs were delivered to districts at the end of last week.

### **Posttest Editing Discrepancies Report**

There is a report available in Test WES that contains a list of your district's discrepancies that remained after the close of Posttest Editing. If questions arise about a student's results (e.g. reason for invalidation), this report may be helpful. To review the report, select Posttest Discrepancies under File Transfer on the Test WES Dashboard. The discrepancies on the report cannot be resolved.

### **PearsonAccess Next Reporting Resources**

Published Reports for 2018, including Individual Student Reports (ISRs) and rosters, are now available for MCA/MTAS in PearsonAccess Next. Helpful resources are available on the [ISRs Resources page](#) (PearsonAccess Next > Reporting Resources > Individual Student Reports (ISRs) Resources).

Historical Student Data and Longitudinal Reports are also available in PearsonAccess Next and include 2017–18 data. Quick guides for each of these components are on the [Additional Reporting Resources page](#) (PearsonAccess Next > Reporting Resources > Additional Reporting Resources).

Contact the Pearson help desk at 888-817-8659 or [submit a Pearson help desk request](#) with any questions on the resources available in PearsonAccess Next.

### **WIDA and WIDA AMS Reporting Resources**

Reports for ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs, including On-Demand Reports and Frequency Reports, are now available in [WIDA AMS](#) (Log in to WIDA AMS > All Applications > Report Delivery).

There are a variety of resources, including sample reports and an interpretive guide, available on the [ACCESS for ELLs Scores and Reports page](#) (WIDA website > Assess > ACCESS for ELLs > ACCESS for ELLs Scores and Reports).

Contact WIDA Client Services at 866-276-7735 or [help@wida.us](mailto:help@wida.us) with any questions on the resources available on WIDA's website.

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## **WIDA Webinars**

As the new school year begins, WIDA is offering two webinars on the new WIDA website and what is new with WIDA this year. See the full ACCESS and Screener webinar calendar for 2018–19 on the [ACCESS for ELLs Webinar page](#) (WIDA website > Login > select WIDA Secure Portal > Online Grades 1-12 > ACCESS Webinars).

- *Welcome Back: What's New This Year?* (Sept. 18 from 1–2 p.m.)
- *Welcome Back: New WIDA Website Walkthrough* (Sept. 19 from 11 a.m.–noon)

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## **WIDA Communication with District and School Staff**

Starting next Monday, Sept. 10, WIDA will begin to send a weekly email to all staff who have an active WIDA user account. The *WIDA Monday Mail* will include relevant, WIDA-focused articles for district and school staff (e.g., EL teachers or coordinators and test administrators). Please forward this information to staff in your district who have a WIDA user account. The *Assessment Update* will still include WIDA articles that are relevant to DACs.

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## **MDE Communication with Districts**

With the start of the new school year, please ensure that the [MDE-ORG system](#) contact information is correct and up to date (MDE website > Data Center > Schools and Organizations (MDE-ORG)). If your district has a new District Assessment Coordinator (DAC), ensure MDE-ORG is updated as soon as possible.

MDE automatically sends the weekly *Assessment Update* to all DACs, District Technology Coordinators (DTCs), and Superintendents/Directors based on indications in MDE-ORG. Any additional staff interested in receiving the *Assessment Update* can send an email to [mde.testing@state.mn.us](mailto:mde.testing@state.mn.us) to be added to the distribution list.

All contact information in MDE-ORG is updated and maintained by the district's Site Verification Coordinator (SVC), who is listed in MDE-ORG. If the SVC has any questions about the process, they should contact MaryPat Olsen at [mde.school-verify@state.mn.us](mailto:mde.school-verify@state.mn.us).

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## **New DAC Orientation**

In October, MDE and Pearson will provide a New DAC Orientation at various locations across the state. 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 <a href="#">Register for the New DAC orientation webinar.</a></p>	<p>Webinar (MDE portion only)</p>
<p>Tuesday, Oct. 9 9 a.m.–3 p.m. <a href="#">Register for the Mankato orientation.</a></p>	<p>Courtyard: Mankato Gallery A 901 Raintree Rd. Mankato, MN 56001</p>
<p>Wednesday, Oct. 10 9 a.m.–3 p.m. <a href="#">Register for the St. Cloud orientation.</a></p>	<p>Courtyard: St. Cloud 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. Room 404 West Germain St. St. Cloud, MN 56301</p>
<p>Thursday, Oct. 11 9 a.m.–3 p.m. <a href="#">Register for the Roseville orientation.</a></p>	<p>Minnesota Department of Education Conference Center A: Rooms 13 &amp; 14 1500 Hwy 36 West Roseville, MN 55113</p>

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## ***PearsonAccess Next and TestNav Updates***

PearsonAccess Next (including the Training Center) and TestNav will all be unavailable for system updates Friday, Sept. 14. During this time, users will also not be able to access the item samplers on PearsonAccess Next.

All systems will be available Monday, Sept. 17. At this time, you will see the following changes in PearsonAccess Next and the Training Center:

- The automatic time out feature will increase from 15 to 30 minutes. There will also be a time out pop-up notification two minutes prior to sign out. If there is no activity in PearsonAccess Next after 30 minutes, the user will be automatically signed out.

- Those with the District Assessment Coordinator (DAC) and Assessment Administrator (AA) user roles will no longer be able to change other users' emails from the Users screen of PearsonAccess Next. Users will continue to have the ability to edit their own emails via the Your Account page in the top right. An updated [PearsonAccess Next User Accounts Guide](#) will include this information and will be available on Sept. 17 (PearsonAccess Next > Resources & Training > User Guides).

Note: TestNav apps are currently available for download on the [TestNav System Requirements](#) page (PearsonAccess Next > TestNav 8 Online Support [under Quick Links] > TestNav System Requirements). These system updates do not affect updating the TestNav apps.

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## ***Minnesota Student Survey 2019: PPRA Notification***

The Evaluation team at MDE is preparing for the Minnesota Student Survey (MSS), which will be administered between January and May 2019. The [Minnesota Student Survey webpage](#) has been updated with new information about the 2019 MSS, including key changes, timeline with important dates, and frequently asked questions (MDE website > Districts, Schools and Educators > School-Community Connections > Healthy Schools > Minnesota Student Survey).

School districts who participate are obligated to notify families of the upcoming survey administration under the [Protection of Pupils Rights Amendment \(PPRA\)](#) and must adhere to the following requirements:

- The district must include its planned participation in the 2019 MSS in its annual PPRA notification. [View a Model Notice and Consent/Opt-Out notice.](#)
- **Two to four weeks prior** to administration of the MSS, you must distribute a more comprehensive notification letter to parents and guardians. Sample letters will be available no later than Oct. 15.

View additional information on the [PPRA Notification page](#) (MDE website > Districts, Schools and Educators > School-Community Connections > Healthy Schools > Minnesota Student Survey > Protection of Pupils' Rights Amendments (PPRA) Notification). Contact Raihana Zeerak at [MDE.StudentSurvey@state.mn.us](mailto:MDE.StudentSurvey@state.mn.us) or 651-582-8587 with any immediate questions.

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## ***Odds and Ends***

- **Benchmark Reports Available in PearsonAccess Next:** The 2018 Benchmark Reports will be available on Sept. 17 in PearsonAccess Next under Reports > Published Reports.
- **Student Assessment History Report:** The Student Assessment History Report has now rolled over to the 2018–19 school year. As soon as districts submit MARSS information for students currently enrolled, they will be able to use the Student Assessment History Report to look up information for current students.

## **Tech Update**

### **Correction: Chrome OS 66 Supported for 2018-19 School Year**

Chrome OS version 66 will be supported for spring 2019 test administrations; Pearson had previously stated that Chrome OS versions 57-66 would no longer be supported. Pearson is still ending support for Chrome OS versions 57-65. View the full [TestNav System Requirements](#) for TestNav including supported devices, operating systems, and browsers (PearsonAccess Next > TestNav 8 Online Support (under Quick Links) > TestNav System Requirements).

### **Support for iOS 10.3 (iPad 4) Ending in 2019–20**

Pearson plans to drop support for iOS 10.3 (iPad 4) at the start of the 2019–20 school year meaning the 2018–19 school year is the last time students can test on iOS 10.3 and iPad 4. View the [iOS 10.3 Support Ending Technical Bulletin](#) (PearsonAccess Next > TestNav 8 Online Support [under Quick Links] > Technical Bulletins > TestNav - iOS 10.3 [iPad 4] Support Ending 2019-2020).

### **Support Added for Chrome OS 68 in 2018–19**

Pearson has confirmed compatibility between Chrome OS 68 and TestNav and has added support for Chrome OS 68 for the spring 2019 administration. View the full [TestNav System Requirements](#) including supported devices, operating systems, and browsers (PearsonAccess Next > TestNav 8 Online Support [under Quick Links] > TestNav System Requirements).

### **Communications from MDE**

Last year, MDE sent a targeted email to District Technology Coordinators (DTCs) four times in preparation for testing administrations. This year, all technology articles will be in the *Assessment Update*.