

Assessment & Accountability Announcements - Week of June 17, 2013

Please see **2 IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS** below regarding: 1) WIDA Online Pilot Testing Volunteers Needed July 8 – 26<sup>th</sup>, and 2) NEW! BAA Secure Site Pre-ID File Format.

### **1) WIDA Online Pilot Testing Volunteers Needed July 8 – 26<sup>th</sup>**

The WIDA Consortium is requesting volunteers for the second phase of pilot testing for the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0, the computer-based version of the WIDA ACCESS assessment for English learners (ELs). These pilot opportunities will occur from July 8 – July 26, 2013. Please see the document posted at the link below for information regarding school responsibilities and who to contact to participate in this opportunity.

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Tryout\\_Responsibilities\\_425226\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Tryout_Responsibilities_425226_7.pdf).

### **2) NEW! BAA Secure Site Pre-ID File Format**

With the introduction of the new Bureau of Assessment and Accountability (BAA) Secure Site this summer, the file format for the pre-identification of students for statewide assessments will be changing. **The CURRENT pre-ID file format should continue to be used through July 26, 2013** to submit pre-ID records (this is the deadline to receive pre-printed answer documents for the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) tests). After this window closes on July 26<sup>th</sup>, the old BAA Secure Site will be taken down and no pre-ID records (or materials orders) will be accepted until the new BAA Secure Site becomes operational for these two functions, which we anticipate will be August 5, 2013). NOTE: the new BAA Secure Site will open prior to this for preliminary accountability scorecard review/appeal only.

The new format has been attached to this email and has also been posted on the log in page of the BAA Secure Site ([www.michigan.gov/baa-secure](http://www.michigan.gov/baa-secure)).

The attached Pre-ID File Format document that identifies the required format of the data file (.txt or .csv) and identifies the required fields for loading students on the BAA Secure Site for pre-identification purposes. Districts that use the Early Roster Collection on the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) will be able to continue using the present Early Roster Collection schema – this file format change affects only those districts that do not use Early Roster, and instead upload a pre-ID file directly to the BAA Secure Site.

Instructions for loading pre-identification files to the BAA Secure Site can be found in the *BAA Secure Site User Manual* which can be found on the log in page of the BAA Secure Site.

Remember, until July 26<sup>th</sup>, the CURRENT pre-ID file format must be used. The new pre-ID file format is only compatible with the NEW BAA Secure Site. Attempting to use the new pre-ID file format in the current Secure Site will cause your upload to fail. **The first opportunity to use the new pre-ID file format in the new Secure Site will be August 5, 2013.** This information is being shared with you now to give you some lead time if changes in reporting functionality are needed from your current Student Information System to meet the requirements of the new file format.

### **Questions?**

For assessment questions, please email [baa@michigan.gov](mailto:baa@michigan.gov).

For accountability questions, please email [MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov).

For phone assistance with assessment or accountability issues, call 877-560-8378 and select the appropriate menu option.