

Please see **4 IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS** below regarding: 1) Reminder: Preliminary AYP Appeals Closing Tomorrow 2) MME Public Release – Embargo Lifted 3) Fall 2012 Pre-ID Notices 4) Required K-12 Educator Evaluation Information Due Tomorrow

1) Reminder: Preliminary AYP Appeals Closing Tomorrow

Please note the report card appeals window will close **tomorrow, Friday, June 29, 2012**, at 5:00 p.m. and there are no extensions to this window.

A link to the original memorandum regarding Preliminary Michigan School Report Cards is included here:

http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-22709_31168-280911--,00.html.

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) received approval of our 2011-2012 Accountability Workbook from the U.S. Department of Education (USED). This approval allows two main changes:

- a. Resets Michigan’s Annual Measurable Objectives (i.e., proficiency targets) to reflect the adoption of the more rigorous career- and college-ready cut scores, and
- b. Changes district-level Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) calculations to treat a district as a single unit, as opposed to the elementary, middle, and high school units used previously for district AYP. Please see the *2011-2012 Guide to Reading School Report Cards* for more information on district-level calculations (<https://oeaa.state.mi.us/ayp/guide.asp>).

These two changes have generated a number of phone calls regarding graduation rate and how that rate impacts 2011-2012 School Report Cards. Please know that the USED required graduation rate to be calculated at the subgroup level and required that Michigan hold districts and schools accountable for graduation rate at the subgroup level. Graduation rate can only be appealed during the graduation and dropout appeals window, which for 2010-2011 (the graduation rates included in 2011-2012 Michigan School Report Cards) ended on September 15, 2011. **Graduation rates for 2010-2011 can no longer be appealed.**

2) Spring 2012 Assessment Public Release – Embargo Lifted

Today, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) publicly released statewide assessment results for all three spring 2012 assessments: the Michigan Merit Examination (MME), MI-Access (Grade 11), and the English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA). A copy of the press release can be found at the following link:

<http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140--281431--,00.html>

As of 10:00 a.m., the embargo on aggregate results was lifted for all spring assessments.

3) Fall 2012 Assessment Pre-ID Notices

Scheduled MSDS Downtime in July

The Bureau of Assessment & Accountability (BAA) has been notified that the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) is scheduled to be unavailable from **Friday, July 20, 2012 through Monday, July 23, 2012.**

This scheduled downtime will only affect districts that use the MSDS Early Roster Collection as their pre-ID method. The BAA Secure Site will remain open during this period.

If your district uses the Early Roster Collection to pre-ID, please consider the impact this scheduled MSDS downtime may have (given the Early Roster Collection component will also be unavailable during the scheduled downtime). The deadline to pre-identify students for the Fall 2012 Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) and still receive pre-printed student answer documents is **Thursday, July 26, 2012.**

The last date to place a MEAP initial materials order (IMO) for fall 2012 is also **Thursday, July 26, 2012.**

Change in September Date for Late Pre-ID and Alternate Assessment IMOs

Due to a change in the Fall 2012 MI-Access schedule and scheduled MSDS downtime the second week of September, the last day to pre-ID students and still receive barcode labels has been moved up by two days to **Tuesday, September 11, 2012.** After September 11, 2012, schools will need to print student barcode labels locally.

The last date to place an initial materials order for MEAP-Access or MI-Access will also be **Tuesday, September 11, 2012.**

4) Required K-12 Educator Evaluation Information Due Tomorrow

On April 12, 2012, the Michigan Department of Education sent a memorandum outlining what educator evaluation information all districts would be required to report for the 2011-2012 school year. A copy of the original memorandum can be found at:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Ed_Admin_Eval_Survey_382200_7.pdf.

The actual tool used to collect this required information can be accessed below.

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22FC7E4XCYH>

The deadline to submit this information is **Friday, June 29, 2012.**

Questions?

Please email us at baa@michigan.gov or call 877-560-8378 and select the appropriate menu option.