

Assessment & Accountability Announcements - Week of August 20, 2012

Please see **4 IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS** below regarding: 1) Fall 2012 Test Administrator Manuals Now Available, 2) Fall 2012 Online Social Studies Pilot Materials Now Available, 3) August 2012 Issue of *Smarter News* Now Available, and 4) Fall 2012 Assessment Pre-ID – How to Correct Errors

1) Fall 2012 Test Administrator Manuals Now Available

The Fall 2012 MEAP Test Administrator Manuals are now available at:

http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-22709_31168-125985--,00.html.

2) Fall 2012 MEAP Online Social Studies Pilot Materials Now Available

The Fall 2012 MEAP Online Social Studies Pilot materials are now available at:

http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-22709_31168-136745--,00.html.

3) The August 2012 issue of *Smarter News* Is Now Available

The August 2012 issue of *Smarter News* – the monthly newsletter from the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) – is now available. To access the newsletter, please click the link below:

<http://smarterbalanced.cmail1.com/t/ViewEmail/r/3AA23B3E1EE99D33/2C6463F20F003B3A74AF8F7A76570606>

4) Fall 2012 Assessment Pre-ID – How to Correct Errors

The Bureau of Assessment and Accountability (BAA) has received several reports from districts that they have pre-identified students using the incorrect grade level. **All students should be pre-identified in the grade they will be enrolled in during the fall 2012 testing window.**

To avoid enrollment issues this fall, we encourage you to run a *Pre-Identified Student Report* to verify that students have been pre-identified for the correct assessment, correct school building, and in the grade level they will be enrolled in during the fall 2012 testing window.

If you find that you have a problem with students identified for testing in the wrong building, wrong grade level, or the wrong assessment, you can do a mass update of these fields in the *PreID Mass Update* screen. Directions can be found in the *PreID Mass Update* section of the *BAA Secure Site User Manual*. If changes are made to a student's school,

grade level, or assessment prior to September 11, 2012, you will receive student barcode labels with the correct information. Students with pre-ID issues not corrected by September 11, 2012 will need to have correct barcode labels printed locally.

NOTE: The initial pre-ID deadline for the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) was July 26, 2012. Students pre-identified for MEAP at that time will still receive pre-printed answer documents based on that July pre-ID data. You may need to alert buildings that they will be receiving some erroneous pre-printed answer documents and make sure they understand the affected students will either need new answer documents **OR** the pre-printed answer documents can still be used by simply affixing the corrected student barcode labels directly over the pre-printed student information. If the latter option is selected, please make sure the original, pre-printed barcode is completely covered by the corrected student barcode label. If erroneous student information is not corrected, this could invalidate test scores and affect participation rates and accountability calculations.

Questions?

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