

Please see **5 IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS** below regarding: 1) DLM Consortium Releases CCEEs with Range of Complexity Examples, 2) MOPLS Mathematics Update, 3) Fall 2012 Assessment and Accountability Data Timeline, 4) Fall 2012 Off-Site Testing Requests – Due October 1, 2012, and 5) Assessment Pre-ID After September 11, 2012

## **1) DLM Consortium Releases CCEEs with Range of Complexity Examples**

As you know, special educators from Michigan and other member states of the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) consortium created Common Core Essential Elements (CCEEs) in English language arts and mathematics which are linked to the already-adopted Common Core State Standards (CCSSs). CCEEs provide alternate grade level content standards linked to the common core and they are now available for your review. **The CCEEs have been reposted with range of complexity examples for each of the CCEEs.**

For a copy of the English language arts and mathematics CCSSs and the CCEEs **with examples**, please visit the DLM link on the MI-Access website at [www.michigan.gov/mi-access](http://www.michigan.gov/mi-access). Alternate assessments based on the CCEEs are being developed by the DLM consortium and will be available for use in Michigan starting in the 2014-15 school year.

## **2) MOPLS Mathematics Update**

The Bureau of Assessment and Accountability (BAA) is pleased to announce the latest addition to the MOPLS Mathematics program for the Michigan Online Professional Learning System (MOPLS) hosted on *Michigan Virtual University's*<sup>®</sup> (*MVU*<sup>®</sup>) *Michigan LearnPort*. This online, interactive, user-driven professional learning resource is **absolutely free** to all K-12 teachers, coordinators, and administrators in the State of Michigan and requires no previous training.

"MOPLS Mathematics: Understanding Fractions," is accessible to all educators who want high-quality professional learning options that not only support their mission to deliver content and instruction aligned to the Common Core State Standards, but also offer ways to engage students who struggle with key concepts in fractions, an area that often presents difficulties for learners. In addition, the program offers an introduction to balanced assessment for mathematics. The latest addition includes a new section dedicated to Operations with Fractions, with additional tasks, strategies, and activities aligned to the Common Core standards.

As a reminder, the MOPLS English Language Arts (ELA) program is also available on *Michigan LearnPort*. This comprehensive professional learning resource not only provides support for teachers who are seeking to align their instruction to the Common Core State Standards, but it also offers a large library of sample lessons and units of study written and submitted by Michigan educators.

Go to *Michigan LearnPort* to get started today at [www.learnport.org/](http://www.learnport.org/) by clicking the Login/Sign up link. Users who are new to accessing *Michigan LearnPort* content can follow the on-screen directions to create a free login and password. The programs can be found by accessing the Catalog and searching keywords "MOPLS Math" and "MOPLS ELA". For technical questions or problems, contact the *Michigan LearnPort* Help Desk toll-free at 888-889-2840.

### **3) Fall 2012 Assessment and Accountability Data Timeline**

The Fall 2012 Assessment and Accountability Data Timeline is now available at:

[http://michigan.gov/documents/mde/Fall\\_2012\\_Assessment\\_And\\_Accountability\\_Data\\_Timeline\\_v1\\_2\\_397833\\_7.pdf](http://michigan.gov/documents/mde/Fall_2012_Assessment_And_Accountability_Data_Timeline_v1_2_397833_7.pdf)

### **4) Fall 2012 Off-Site Testing Requests – Due October 1, 2012**

The Office of Standards & Assessment (OSA) is requiring an off-site testing request for any school choosing to provide an off-site testing location to seat time waiver or other students, as was done in the fall of 2011. Our goal is to provide as much flexibility as possible while ensuring that a valid and reliable administration occurs for all students and that secure test materials are not made more vulnerable by off-site testing arrangements. We also do not want to create any unwarranted burden on schools, so this year's request form has been streamlined and can be completed and submitted online. In addition, a document has been created to help differentiate between circumstances where off-site testing must be requested and approved and situations where a request is unnecessary:

[http://michigan.gov/documents/mde/fall\\_12\\_OFF\\_SITE\\_GUIDANCE\\_v3\\_397991\\_7.pdf](http://michigan.gov/documents/mde/fall_12_OFF_SITE_GUIDANCE_v3_397991_7.pdf)

Complete the Fall 2012 Off-Site Testing Request at:

<https://baameap.wufoo.com/forms/offsite-test-administration-request/>

Requests must be received by the first day of fall testing which, for this administration, begins with MI-Access testing on October 1, 2012.

### **5) Assessment Pre-ID After September 11, 2012**

As you are aware, the deadline to pre-identify students for fall 2012 assessments and still receive student barcode labels was Tuesday, September 11, 2012. For students pre-identified after this date, **schools must now use the BAA Secure Site** to enter or upload pre-ID information and print student barcode labels locally. The Early Roster BAA Component can no longer be used to pre-identify students for fall 2012.

### **Questions?**

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