

**Announcements from Assessment & Accountability -- located within the Division of Accountability Services (DAS) – Week of July 21, 2014.**

There are FIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS below regarding:

- 1) MDE to Hold Public Hearing On Future Assessment
- 2) Important DLM Assessment Participation Delayed
- 3) Reminder -- All Fall State Assessments have Moved to Spring
- 4) Interim Assessment Field Test Registration Now Open
- 5) Legally required K-12 Teacher and Administrator Evaluation Systems Survey for the 2013-14 School Year needs to be completed by Friday, August 1, 2014

**1) MDE to Hold Public Hearing On Future Assessment**

The Michigan Department of Education will hold a public hearing from 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, July 30, 2014, in the atrium of Constitution Hall, 525 West Allegan, Lansing. The public is welcome to attend and comment on the new student assessment tool that will be administered beginning in Spring 2016.

Joseph Martineau, Deputy Superintendent of Accountability Services, will give a briefing on the timeline for a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the new assessment, which will go out on September 1 as prescribed in state law. The public is welcome to provide feedback on future statewide assessments to the department following the briefing.

Michigan is moving away from the former Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) test in the 2014-2015 school year. In Spring 2015, students will be given a new MEAP assessment for the 2014-2015 school year that will measure the state's standards in core subjects, as mandated by the state legislature in next year's budget.

The Department is currently holding a two-week public comment period. The public can provide input on the future state assessment by mail, email, fax, and online form through Tuesday, August 5.

**2) DLM Assessment Participation Delayed**

Below is an important memo outlining our decision to delay participating in the DLM assessment until spring of 2016 at the earliest.

[Dynamic Learning Map Participation Delayed Memo](#)

### 3) **All Fall State Assessments have Moved to Spring**

All fall state summative assessments will now be administered in the Spring beginning in 2015. As a result, there are no pre-identification, material orders or any other items due in the fall for the Spring 2015 testing.

Additional information and deadlines regarding Spring 2015 activities will be sent out later this fall. If you are participating in the field test for the Interim or Kindergarten Entry Assessment (KEA), pre-identification will open on the Secure Site early August. Watch for additional details.

### 4) **Reminder - Interim Assessment Field Test Registration Now Open – Initial Survey Registration Deadline is Thursday, August 21, 2014**

Schools are invited to register to participate in the Fall 2014 Interim Assessment Field Test. Districts may have several schools participate but each school must register with a separate application. Interim assessments will be field tested in the content areas of English language arts (ELA) and mathematics for grades K, 1, and 2, as well as high school science (Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, and Physics) and social studies (US History & Geography, World History & Geography, Civics, and Economics). This field test is an important part of the test development process as we plan to begin offering operational interim assessments in the 2015-16 school year.

Considerations for Participating in Interim Assessment Field Test: In preparation for state summative assessments beginning in the spring 2015, participation in the fall 2014 field test may provide an opportunity for schools to test bandwidth capacity and to logistically schedule and move students through an online assessment experience. Teachers who offer the field test assessments will receive an invitation to participate in a focus group that will provide feedback on the interim assessment reporting features.

Students would have the benefit of taking an online assessment in a low-stakes situation. The field test would offer students a chance to have an online experience and to practice commonly used online assessment tools.

Technology considerations: Schools may use Windows or Mac desktops and laptops to administer the field test assessments. Additionally, MDE is seeking schools to pilot the field tests on devices such as iPads, Chromebooks, and Windows 8 tablets (non-touch). Details regarding the minimum requirements for each device type is provided in the [Michigan Testing Device Requirements](#) document.

To participate in the Fall 2014 Interim Assessment Field Test, please complete the registration survey for each school at <https://baameap.wufoo.com/forms/fall14-interim-assessment-field-test-registration/>

Additional notes regarding the Fall 2014 Interim Assessment Field Test:

- The Michigan interim assessments are only available on-line
- The ELA and mathematics interim assessments for grades K, 1, and 2 are aligned to Michigan's current state standards.
- The science and social studies interim assessments are aligned to Michigan's current High School Content Expectations (HSCEs).
- **The test window is September 15, 2014 through October 17, 2014.** Schools may administer the field test assessments any time within this five-week test window.

More information about the Michigan Interim Assessments may be found at

<http://www.michigan.gov/interimassessments>.

**5) Legally required K-12 Teacher and Administrator Evaluation Systems Survey for the 2013-14 School Year needs to be completed by Friday, August 1, 2014**

**Michigan law requires** public school districts to evaluate all teachers and administrators annually. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) collects information each year about the teacher and administrator evaluation systems in use during that school year through the K-12 Teacher and Administrator Evaluation Systems survey. It is required that districts complete this survey annually.

The K-12 Teacher and Administrator Evaluation Systems survey for the 2013-14 school year will be available from, **Thursday, June 12 through Friday, August 1, 2014.**

The survey should be completed only once for each district and is intended to be completed by the district superintendent, assistant superintendent, district-level human resources, or other district-level designee. If you would like to review the survey before completing it, you can download and review the survey at <http://www.michigan.gov/educatorevaluations>.

To complete the K-12 Teacher and Administrator Evaluation Systems survey, please visit: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/K12TeacherandAdministratorEvaluationSystems2014>

**Have Other Questions?**

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