



## **Announcements from Assessment & Accountability -- located within the Division of Accountability Services (DAS) – Week of August 11, 2014.**

There are FOUR ANNOUNCEMENTS below:

- 1) Opportunity – Interim Assessment Field Test Registration Now Open – Initial Survey Registration Deadline is NEXT Thursday, August 21, 2014
- 2) Reminder – 2013-2014 Graduation Rate Appeals Window
- 3) Reminder – Current 2014-15 and 2015-16 Summative Assessment Update
- 4) Reminder - Dynamic Learning Map (DLM) Assessment Participation Delayed

### **1) Opportunity - Interim Assessment Field Test Registration Now Open – Initial Survey Registration Deadline is NEXT 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 a high quality test development process.

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) in a separate pilot window later this fall. 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
- All interim assessments are aligned to Michigan's current state standards
- If Earth Science content expectations are offered at the middle school, you may consider offering the Earth Science interim assessment to these students
- **The field 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>.

## **2) 2013-2014 Graduation Rate Appeals Window**

The Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) opened the 2013-2014 Graduation Rate Appeals Window (appeals window) on July 23, 2014 in the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS). Graduation rates are an important part of accountability calculations, and graduation rate data from the 2013-2014 school year, once finalized (September 17, 2014), cannot be changed.

If you have not already done so, you should now take advantage of the opportunity to review and potentially appeal your graduation rate data for the 2013-2014 school year. During the appeals window, you can report end-of-summer graduates, submit cohort year changes, submit Primary Education Providing Entity (PEPE) changes, update exit status, and request unique identification code (UIC) linking.

For the most up-to-date information on the appeals window, please visit:

[http://www.michigan.gov/cepi/0,1607,7-113-986\\_50502\\_56418---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/cepi/0,1607,7-113-986_50502_56418---,00.html). This webpage includes numerous user support materials, including a timeline, user's guide, frequently asked questions, and a summary of district action needed. If you have any questions, please send an email message to CEPI customer support at [CEPI@michigan.gov](mailto:CEPI@michigan.gov) or call (517) 335-0505 and follow the prompts. Please provide your name, telephone number (including area code and extension), and school/district name along with your message.

## **3) Reminder - 2014-15 and 2015-16 Summative Assessment Update**

The 2014-15 and 2015-16 school years will bring substantial change in state required summative assessments.

In June of 2014, legislation was passed requiring the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) to develop a new summative assessment for use in Spring 2015. Unlike the previous MEAP assessments, the new assessment will be aligned to current Michigan standards, administered in the spring, and will measure current year versus past year student knowledge.

English language arts and mathematics will be assessed in grades 3-8 and 11. Science will be assessed in grades 4, 7, and 11; and social studies in grades 5, 8, and 11. This assessment will be administered for one year, online with a paper and pencil option for schools not technology-ready.

For more information click the links below:

- [2014-15 Michigan Statewide Assessment Transition Document](#)
- [Spring 2015 Testing Schedule Update](#)

New legislation also requires the department issue a Request For Proposal by September 1, 2014 for a new summative assessment system to begin in the 2015-16 school year.

#### **4) Reminder - Dynamic Learning Map (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](#)

#### **Have Other 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).

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