

Assessment & Accountability Announcements - Week of January 21, 2013

Please see **2 IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS** below regarding: 1) NEW! 2012-13 Accountability Scorecards – Attendance Appeals, and 2) DLM First Contact Survey Deadline Extended and New Professional Development Modules Available.

1) NEW! 2012-13 Accountability Scorecards – Attendance Appeals

Due to the conversion from Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Report Cards to Accountability Scorecards, attendance rates will be made available earlier than normal. BAA is anticipating a challenging accountability season with school and district personnel familiarizing themselves with the new accountability systems. Due to these factors, the opportunity to review and appeal attendance rates will take place earlier in the accountability cycle than has occurred in prior years.

The 2011-2012 school year attendance rates (which will be used on the 2012-13 Michigan School Accountability Scorecards) will be available for district/school review **January 28 – February 1, 2013**. Authorized users of the Michigan School Report Card (www.mi.gov/schoolreportcard) application will be able to log in during the window to review the 2011-12 rates. Only attendance appeals can be submitted during this window; no other appeal type will be processed at this time. Additionally, this is your one opportunity to appeal attendance rates; attendance appeals will not be accepted after preliminary scorecards are released this summer.

A confirmation that the attendance appeals window has opened and detailed instructions will be sent to superintendents, principals, and accountability contacts (School Report Card Contacts) the morning of Monday, January 28th. Please send questions about attendance appeals to MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov.

2) DLM First Contact Survey Deadline Extended and New Professional Development Modules Available

First Contact Survey

The Michigan Department of Education has partnered with the Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation (CETE) at the University of Kansas on a U.S. Department of Education project to create a new alternate assessment system for students with significant cognitive disabilities called the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) alternate assessment. A key component that will help guide the development of the upcoming DLM alternate assessment is the First Contact Survey. This survey is designed to collect information on the students that currently participate in alternate assessments and the technology and supports that are currently being used to meet the needs of these students.

Each local district's MI-Access Coordinator are being asked to distribute the First Contact Survey – District to Teachers letter (a copy of this letter is available at:

http://michigan.gov/documents/mde/From_District_to_Teachers_MI_edition_3_409390_7.pdf) to all special educators and classroom teachers that serve as the primary teacher for students who will participate in any of the MI-Access alternate assessments (Functional Independence, Supported Independence, or Participation) during the 2012-13 school year.

The survey deadline has been extended from January 31 to **March 1, 2013**.

Professional Development Modules

The Dynamic Learning Maps Consortium has just released two new learning modules, *Principles of Effective Instruction in English Language Arts*, and *Standards of Mathematical Practice*. The learning module videos, PowerPoint presentations, facilitated versions of the modules, survey, and an English language arts assessment are also available on the MI-Access webpage, Dynamic Learning Maps section at (http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-22709_28463-18034--,00.html) under the Dynamic Learning Maps Professional Development heading.

ELA Learning Module link

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yjKTtfkNyi8>

Mathematics Learning Module link

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RpkYVw6utx4&feature=youtu.be>

Thank you in advance for your district's participation in this very important component of our next generation alternate assessment system. Questions about the First Contact Survey or the DLM professional development modules should be directed to Dr. Joanne Winkelman, winkelmanj@michigan.gov or 517-335-0457.

Questions?

If you have questions, please contact BAA at baa@michigan.gov or call 877-560-8378, and select the appropriate phone menu option.