

# Spotlight

## on Student Assessment and Accountability

November 10, 2016

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### M-STEP Claim Performance Indicator Clarification

In student assessment reports, it is possible for a student who scored at the "Advanced" proficiency level to also receive a claim indicator that states "Attention may be indicated" in one or more of the claims in the content area.

This occurs because the claim performance indicator scoring is based on a different scoring scale:

- claim performance indicators show student performance within a single claim
- overall proficiency levels show student performance within the entire content area.

The M-STEP Claim performance indicators are reported in three categories—whereas four proficiency levels are reported for overall content. The claim performance indicators are based on items within the claims, resulting in fewer items than in the overall content area proficiency level. With fewer items in each claim, claims cannot be reported with the same level of specificity as a performance level.

When a student has a claim performance indicator of "Attention may be indicated," schools should use local assessment data to build a better understanding of the student's mastery of the content within the claim. This use of local data will assist teachers and school staff in gaining a deeper understanding of what the student knows and is able to do in relation to Michigan's Academic Standards.

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## Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessment Surveys

Two surveys are available to collect feedback on the Fall 2016 Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments. One survey is for [Assessment Administrators and Proctors](#) and the other is for [Technology Coordinators](#). You can access these surveys on the [Early Literacy and Mathematics web page](#) ([www.michigan.gov/earlylitandmath](http://www.michigan.gov/earlylitandmath)) under **What's New**.

These surveys are available until **November 11, 2016**.

## Preliminary School Scorecards and Appeals Now Open

Preliminary Michigan School Scorecards for the 2015–16 school year are now available to schools and districts for review on the [Secure Site](#) ([www.michigan.gov/baa-secure](http://www.michigan.gov/baa-secure)). Preliminary Scorecards for the 2015–16 school year are embargoed and may not be shared with unauthorized personnel or at public local school board meetings until the public release by the MDE later this fall on the [MI School Data portal](#) ([www.MISchoolData.org](http://www.MISchoolData.org)).

Schools and districts will have until **5:00 PM on November 14, 2016** to submit appeals related to their Scorecards.

To help you get started with your preliminary scorecard and accountability results, a resource toolkit has been created with "what's new" and overview information, including links to various resources and instructions. To access this toolkit, login to the Secure Site, navigate to the scorecard page, and click the link at the top of the page for the **2015-16 Accountability Results Resource Toolkit for Schools and Districts**.

## ESSA Feedback Forums to Gather Input from Stakeholders

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) will [host a series of Feedback Forums](#) in partnership with intermediate school districts (ISDs) across Michigan. The public forums, entitled "Michigan's Move to the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)," are designed to gather input from educators, advocates, parents, students, and the public regarding specific proposed components of the nation's new federal education law (see [ESSA Notes 10-27-16](#)) located on the [ESSA web page](#) ([www.michigan.gov/essa](http://www.michigan.gov/essa)) under **ESSA Notes**.

The feedback gathered will inform Michigan's final ESSA plan, which will guide how Michigan leverages federal funding to make Michigan a top 10 education state in the next 10 years. Michigan's final plan is expected to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Education in early March 2017.

This second round of feedback offers one more opportunity for stakeholders to learn more and share their thoughts. Please share this invitation with colleagues and neighbors.

Individuals who cannot attend a regional forum will have the opportunity to learn and provide feedback through an online survey coming soon.

Register for an event (listed on the following page) by clicking on the name of the location, or by going to the [ESSA web page](#) ([www.michigan.gov/essa](http://www.michigan.gov/essa)) and click on **Get Involved**.

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ISD/RESA/RESD	Date	Time	Location
<a href="#">Wayne RESA*</a>	11/29/16	9:00 AM – 3:15 PM	33500 Van Born Rd., Wayne, MI 48184
<a href="#">Saginaw ISD</a>	12/01/16	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	3860 Fashion Square Blvd., Saginaw, MI 48603
<a href="#">Eastern UP</a>	12/01/16	6:00 – 8:00 PM	315 Armory Place, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
<a href="#">Clare/Gladwin RESD</a>	12/02/16	1:00 – 3:00 PM	4041 E Mannsiding Rd, Clare, MI 48617
<a href="#">Ingham ISD</a>	12/15/16	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	2630 W. Howell Rd, Mason, MI 48854
<a href="#">Kent ISD</a>	12/16/16	9:00 – 11:00 AM	2930 Knapp St NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525
<a href="#">Jackson ISD</a>	12/19/16	1:30 – 3:30 PM	6700 Browns Lake Road, Jackson, MI 49201

\*Live streaming available through [MiStreamnet](http://mistreamnet.org/) (<http://mistreamnet.org/>)

## SAT Corner

Information on SAT™, PSAT 8/9™, and PSAT10™ provided by the College Board

### Questions about Spring PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, or SAT?

Call the Michigan customer service line at 866-870-3127 (select Option 1) or email [michiganadministratorsupport@collegeboard.org](mailto:michiganadministratorsupport@collegeboard.org).

### Pre-Administration Activities for SAT

1. Students will now be able to identify where to send their four free scores by simply **identifying the destinations on their answer sheet**. Students will still have the opportunity to send or modify the score sends in their College Board account up to nine days after the test day. More information will be available as we get closer to test day.
2. We recognize that filling out the answer sheet could take a little extra time if you have students indicate their score sends on their answer sheet. Therefore, we have made some operational changes so that the pre-gridding on the SAT is now a pre-administrative activity that can be done BEFORE test day, if you choose. This can reduce the amount of pre-administration time needed on test day.

### Test Materials Pickup

1. The pre-arranged UPS delivery for pick up of test materials will now be arranged for **the day after testing** rather than the day of

testing, to allow more time for organizing and packaging of testing materials after testing has completed. We are scheduling UPS pickups on April 12, 13, 26, and 27. These pickup dates can be used for any materials that are ready to be returned.

2. If you have students testing in the accommodated testing window, you can call the Michigan Educator Hotline to schedule a pickup once all students have finished testing, or you can wait until the scheduled pickup for the makeup materials.
3. For schools administering the SAT, PSAT 10, or PSAT 8/9 at an off-site location, UPS pickups will occur in the afternoon of test day to accommodate those locations where the Supervisor will no longer be on-site the following day.

### Student Data Questionnaires

You now have until **April 28, 2017** to complete and return the SDQs.

We appreciate your continued feedback to make the Spring 2017 administration go more smoothly for you and your students!

## Important Dates

### Approaching Deadlines!

#### Preliminary Michigan Schoolcards

- **November 14, 2016 – 5:00 PM:** Deadline to submit appeals related to Preliminary Michigan School Scorecards for the 2015-16 school year.

### Coming Next Week . . .

#### Supports and Accommodations Webinars

- **Monday, November 14, 2016 – 9:00 to 10:00 AM:** English Learner Student Supports (See the article in the [November 3, 2016 Spotlight](#) for more information.)

### November 2016

#### Online Testing Waiver

- **Now – November 23, 2016:** **Online Testing Waiver** request window

#### Off-site Test Administration

- **Now – February 27, 2017:** The Off-site Test Administration request window for M-STEP, MI-Access, Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments, and WIDA Spring 2017 administration. To submit the online request form, click on this [link](https://baameap.wufoo.com/forms/z1lu5n0l1dvl7kx/) (https://baameap.wufoo.com/forms/z1lu5n0l1dvl7kx/).

#### ACT WorkKeys

- **Now – November 30, 2017:** The window for managing participation for ACT WorkKeys

#### Supports and Accommodations Webinars

- **Monday, November 21, 2016 – 9:00 to 10:00 AM:** Read Aloud and Text-to-Speech (See the article in the [November 3, 2016 Spotlight](#) for more information.)

### December 2016

#### MME

- **December 6, 2016:** MME Day for Spring 2017 Webcast will be streamed from Wayne RESA via MI Streamnet.

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#### Have Other Questions?

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For accountability questions, please email [MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov).

For phone assistance with assessment or accountability issues, call 877-560-8378 and select the appropriate menu option.