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Please let me take a moment to thank each and every one of you for the tremendous job you did making the ACT High School assessments such a success for thousands of Wisconsin students this year. My appreciation for your work is beyond words. I wish all of you a wonderful summer with time for friends and family and a well deserved rest from testing.

Although this Newsletter arrives to you very close to the end of the school year, please spend a few minutes reading it completely. There is important information in it about accessing Aspire reports in the portal, new dates for testing next year, how to access WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificates, and test embargo information that you want to be aware of.

As always, please feel free to reach me at the Department of Public Instruction for any assistance with the ACT high school assessments and it has been a pleasure working with all of you this year.

Peggy

Data Embargo Information

ACT Plus Writing aggregate data will be sent to schools the week of June 25th by ACT. **The ACT Plus Writing assessment results are embargoed until September-October 2015.** Please do not share the ACT Plus Writing results publicly until an embargo date is established. All DACs will be notified of the DPI press release date when it is finalized.

ACT Aspire results will be available through the Aspire portal the week of July 2nd. **These results are not embargoed.** Schools and districts can share ACT Aspire results as directed by their local school administration policies ensuring student specific data is protected.

ACT WorkKeys NCRC Available through SAFE

The ACT WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificates (NCRC) are now available online through the Secure Access File Exchange (SAFE). For information on accessing reports in SAFE see the [Secure Home Information Page](#). Questions about access to SAFE should be directed to the help desk:

on a link embedded in the reply.

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800.553.6244 x1788 – accommodations questions

<http://www.act.org/aap/state/contact.html>

ACT Aspire Customer Support

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<http://wise.dpi.wi.gov/asm-help-ticket>.

ACT WorkKeys NCRC Information

Hats off to Wisconsin high school students for earning the WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate at a rate well above the national average. The national average is 82% and Wisconsin earned at a rate of almost 92%!

Wisconsin High Schools NCRC Earned	Total
Bronze	9,077
Silver	29,061
Gold	16,888
Platinum	505
Total Certificates	55,531
Did Not Qualify	5,595
Total Tested	61,126

2015-16 ACT Testing Dates

The administration dates for the Wisconsin ACT high school assessments for the 2015-16 school year are now posted. Please refer to the DPI website:

<http://oea.dpi.wi.gov/assessment/ACT/calendar>. **Please note that in response to many schools who requested additional spring Aspire testing dates because of conflicts with AP testing, DPI has worked with ACT Aspire to extend that testing window an additional week from a 4 week window to a 5 week window adding a week in late April.** Also, all dates are for planning purposes but are subject to change pending contract negotiations and legislative decisions. ACT Plus Writing and ACT WorkKeys will continue to be paper based tests for the 2015-16 school year.

October 12 – 30, 2015	ACT Aspire Grade 9
March 1, 2016	ACT Plus Writing – Grade 11
March 1 – 15, 2016	ACT Plus Writing – Grade 11 for Students with accommodations two week testing window
March 2, 2016	ACT WorkKeys - Grade 11
March 15, 2016	Makeup day for ACT Plus Writing – Grade 11
March 2 – 16, 2016	ACT WorkKeys - Grade 11 for Students with accommodations two week testing window
March 16, 2016	Makeup day ACT WorkKeys - Grade 11
April 25 – May 27, 2016	ACT Aspire Early High School – Grade 9 - 10

Aspire Portal and Reports

The Aspire portal closed at 7:00 PM on Friday, May 22nd and no changes were to be made to data in the portal after that time. Although students could not test after Friday evening, Aspire currently has no simple way to lock the system down to prevent schools or districts from making changes to student data after that date and time. This feature has been requested by DPI to be included in future Aspire updates. At DPI's request, Aspire changed the role of all Wisconsin users to "Educator" which is a view only role. After the week of July 2nd when spring

Aspire reports arrive, DACs will have their role in the Aspire portal elevated again to District Test Coordinator so they can view reports. Subsequently, DACs will need to manually update other users in the portal at the school and district level who should have access to the reports. Please remember that the SPF or Student Performance File which can be uploaded to your student information system can only be found at the district level, not the school level, within your tenant in the Aspire portal. **DACs – Please be sure the information in the DPI system is up to date as Aspire will be pulling from the DAC spreadsheet on the DPI website to identify the DAC in each district to elevate the role in the portal for report accessibility: <http://oea.dpi.wi.gov/assessment/dacupdate>.**

More information about Aspire reporting can be found at:

<http://oea.dpi.wi.gov/assessment/ACT/resources>.

ACT Aspire Reporting Resources

- [Aspire Training Management Site](#): (videos on demand)
 - Accessing Summative Reports
 - Introduction and Overview of the ACT Aspire Summative Assessment System
 - Student Reports
 - Educator/Group Reports, Part 1
 - Educator/Group Reports, Part 2
 - School, District, and State Reports
 - Understanding Your ACT Aspire Student Score Reports
 - ACT Aspire Summative Data Interpretation: An Orientation Grades 8-EHS Math
 - ACT Aspire Summative Data Interpretation: An Orientation Grades EHS English
 - ACT Aspire Summative Data Interpretation: An Orientation Grades 8-EHS Reading
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