

## NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

### **May Tea with Troy**

The recorded version of last week's 30-minute May Tea with Troy webinar and accompanying PowerPoint are now available on our [OSA webpage](#). The OSA team provided brief updates on our statewide assessments, and discussed feedback shared by participants regarding this year's spring testing. We'll be taking a break from these "Office Hours" in June and July, but stay tuned for details later on this summer regarding our plans for this communication tool in 2016-17. Thanks to you all for your contributions to and feedback about our "Office Hours" format!

### **2016 Assessment Wrap-Up and Reporting**

Overall, the statewide test administrations went extremely well. All testing windows are closed, and we are now moving into reporting. For your convenience, we have developed a one-page overview of [2016 Vendor-Based Reporting Information](#). This document, also available in the Wisconsin State Assessment Timelines section of the [OSA webpage](#), provides an outline of our statewide assessments, the types of reports available from the vendors, the format in which they are provided, where/when/how they can be accessed, and general directions for their use and/or distribution. Please share this information with members of your team who may find it useful as they engage in data inquiry and school improvement planning this summer.

The vendor-based data reporting mentioned above, as you know, is separate from the extensive processes involved here at DPI. Once we receive the final data files from each of the vendors, DPI will begin to upload and prepare the data for WISEdash for Districts, the WISEdash Public Portal, and Accountability Report Cards. Our data warehouse and OEA teams will be working under tight timelines this summer to load, clean, quality assure, and report on our data in time for the Report Card release later in September. As in the past, we will keep you informed of DPI data releases through the DAC Digest, as well as through the WISEdash for Districts landing page.

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## WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATE

### FORWARD EXAM

- **REMINDER - Forward Exam District Survey**
  - DRC and DPI are seeking feedback from districts on the 2016 Forward Exam Test Administration. The survey, [found here](#), includes questions about district experiences with eDIRECT, INSIGHT, online resources created for test administration, DRC's Help Desk, and more. We estimate the survey will take approximately 10-15 minutes, and is intended to be completed primarily by DACs and DTCs. Please help us improve your experience by completing this survey no later than **June 6, 2016**.

- **REMINDER - Student Reports**
  - Forward Exam student reports and summaries will be posted to a secure web-based report delivery system, accessed through eDIRECT, in mid- to late-July. The system reporting tools will allow users to extract data in an Excel or .csv file. Hardcopies of individual student reports will be mailed to districts in early August.

## **ACT HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS**

### **ACT Aspire**

- Thank you to everyone involved in the ACT ASPIRE testing. The window closed last Friday, May 27.
  - **The deadline for ACT Aspire to receive all paper answer documents (Braille, Large Print, and American Sign Language only) is June 3.** ACT ASPIRE has informed us that late arriving documents will not be scored.
  - Individual student reports and summary reports will be available in the ASPIRE portal during late July.

### **ACT WorkKeys**

- **REMINDER - NCRCs:** As mentioned in previous DAC Digests, DPI is working toward making WorkKeys data available in WISEdash, and producing NCRC certificates that will be distributed electronically to schools via SAFE. We are aware that individual reports from ACT indicate that students can go to MyWorkKeys.com to access their scores. However, we strongly advise against doing this, as this will result in creating duplicate student accounts. Since WI has a contract with ACT, we will be doing a statewide sweep through RegiStar to set up student accounts when creating the NCRCs; therefore, it is advised that students access their MyWorkKeys.com accounts **AFTER** DPI makes the certificates and login/password information available through SAFE in the coming weeks. Please share this information with your high school test coordinator(s) as needed.

## **ACCESS for ELLs**

- **REMINDER - District Data is available in the WIDA AMS**
  - Refer to DAC Digests released in late April and early May for instructions on accessing your data.

## **DYNAMIC LEARNING MAPS (DLM)**

- **REMINDER - Test Administration Feedback Survey: DLM seeks feedback on the test administration process. Please forward this information to your DLM Test Administrators.**
  - The survey, found [HERE](#), asks questions about your experience administering one or more operational DLM assessments in English language arts and mathematics this year. All test administrators are invited to complete the survey. Results will be used to document the quality of the assessment system. Individual responses will be kept confidential and the results will only be reported for groups of respondents.

## PALS

- **REMINDER** - Teachers have until June 3, 2016 to enter student scores in the PALS Online Score Entry and Reporting System.
- **REMINDER - 2016-17 Reading Readiness Assessment and CESA Purchasing Agreement:**
  - If you still have questions or need information about 2016-17 assessing reading readiness requirements and/or the CESA Purchasing agreement for PALS, please refer to any of the previous DAC Digests from the month of April.

## NAEP

- **NEW** - Notification letters for NAEP 2017 were mailed out yesterday. These letters are sent to District Administrators in districts with schools selected for NAEP next year; copies are sent to DACs. Principals will be notified in June when assessment dates are assigned.

## DAC DIGEST DIGESTIBLES (Dates/tasks that are newly added this week are in **bold**)

Important Dates to Remember		
June	3: <b>Deadline for ACT Aspire to receive all completed paper answer documents</b> (Braille, Large Print, and American Sign Language only). Late arriving documents will <b>NOT</b> be scored.	Aspire
	3: PALS Spring Window score entry deadline	PALS
	6: DACs/DTCs <a href="#">Forward Exam Test Administration Survey</a> due	Forward
	14-17: DRC Standard Setting meetings	Forward
	15-17: DLM Standard Setting - Science	DLM
	30: <a href="#">Alternate Accountability</a> Determination Forms due to <a href="mailto:oeaemail@dpi.wi.gov">oeaemail@dpi.wi.gov</a>	OEA
August	22-25: DRC Item Review meetings	Forward

Important Tasks to Remember		
<input type="checkbox"/>	DACs and DTCs complete <a href="#">Forward Exam Test Administration Survey</a>	Forward
<input type="checkbox"/>	DLM Test Administrators complete <a href="#">DLM Test Administration Survey</a>	DLM

Online Resource Highlights*		
<i>As new resources are posted to our website, we will include them here for your convenience. This is NOT an exhaustive list, but meant to highlight resources with significant relevance to our upcoming test windows.</i>		
Resource	Contains	Assessment
<a href="#">2016 Vendor-Based Reporting Overview</a>	Outline of vendor-based reports from 2015-16 spring testing, including report descriptions, where/when/how to access, directions for use and distribution, etc.	General