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**To:** DACs  
**Subject:** Fall PALS Information

Dear District Assessment Coordinator:

Please share the information below as needed with those relevant staff involved in your district's PALS administration.

For the 2015-16 school year, districts should be preparing for the administration of the Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening (PALS) for all 4-year-old kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students for the fall and spring. The **fall screening windows** are as follows:

- **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students:** **September 14 – October 9, 2015**; score entry deadline: **October 23, 2015**
- **4K and 5K students:** **October 12 – November 6, 2015**; score entry deadline: **November 20, 2015**

#### **New for the 2015-16 School Year**

The PALS Online Score Entry & Reporting System will now require district administrators to **upload student data** instead of utilizing a statewide data upload. This change will allow districts to create class lists and teacher assignments without needing to wait for statewide data to appear. To use the Student Data Upload feature, administrators should go to the following link for instructions:

<http://www.palswisconsin.info/administrators/pals-online-system-for-administrators/student-data-uploads/>.

Student Data Upload live training webinars are available on the following dates:

- August 27: Thursday at 9am
- September 1: Tuesday 1pm
- September 3: Thursday 9am

For information on joining those live training webinars, or to access a recorded webinar at any time, please visit the following link: <http://www.palswisconsin.info/qa-webinars/>.

For additional questions or for more information please contact:

- Duane Dorn at DPI: [duane.dorn@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:duane.dorn@dpi.wi.gov) or (608) 267-1069
- PALS Wisconsin Resource Center @ [support@palshelp.com](mailto:support@palshelp.com) or 1-888-728-7257

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