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Dear Educators,

The start of the 2025 school year is here! Below are a few updates on the spring statewide ACT assessment. Please forward this email on to all applicable staff.

### **Educator Involvement Opportunity**

DPI is recruiting a diverse group of Wisconsin educators to update Performance Level Descriptors (PLDs) for the Wisconsin ACT assessment in English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics, and Science. The Wisconsin ACT PLDs are statements that describe the specific knowledge and skills Wisconsin students typically demonstrate at each performance level (Developing, Approaching, Meeting, and Advanced) on the statewide spring ACT assessments as related to the Wisconsin Academic Standards. The Performance Level Descriptor Workshop will be a virtual, two-day meeting held November 13-14, 2024. For more information about this opportunity and instructions on how to apply, visit the [DPI ACT Educator Involvement Opportunities webpage](#).

Please share this opportunity with staff.

### **TAA Opening and 2025 Accessibility Supports Guide**

The 2025 ACT Accessibility Supports Guide has now been posted to the [Wisconsin ACT State website](#). Testing staff should review this document thoroughly each year, as changes are made annually. Schools can begin to enter 2025 accommodation and support requests into the ACT Test Accessibility and Accommodations (TAA) portal beginning **September 16**. New users to [Success.ACT](#) (ACT's reporting and TAA portal) should review the [Online Reporting and TAA](#) guide for instructions on how to request access. Additional resources and training opportunities will be available fall 2024.

### **ACT Now**

ACT is sunsetting the test administrative platform PearsonAccessNext. This year the ACT and PreACT Secure assessment will be managed in ACT's new administrative platform, ACT Now. The new platform is expected to open for 2025 assessments in November. DACs will receive access to the platform once it opens. More information, training and resources will be available later this fall.

### **Reminders:**

#### **DAC and DTC Update Forms**

Districts may now begin submitting their 2024-25 annual [District Assessment Coordinator \(DAC\) and Technology Coordinator \(DTC\) contact update forms](#). **Forms are required for both new and returning DACs and DTCs, even if the information has not changed.** Accurate contact information ensures DACs received assessment and accountability updates and allows DPI to

updated vendor portals with annual permissions. DAC and DTC Update forms must be signed by the District Administrator/ Superintendent.

### **Success.ACT**

[Success.ACT](#) (Success) is ACT's data platform that houses all district and school ACT and PreACT Secure assessment data. As the Trusted Agent, **DACs should be actively managing users in Success to ensure data remains secure.** This includes deactivating old employees, adding new employees and managing roles for active employees.

### **ACT (11<sup>th</sup> grade)**

The spring 2025 statewide ACT assessment will begin on March 11. All 2025 testing dates can be found on the [DPI ACT calendar webpage](#). Districts will still have a choice to administer on paper, online or both paper and online. **As in previous years, five subjects will be assessed: English, math, reading, science and writing.**

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