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To: DAC and ACT listservs

Subject: WI ACT and PreACT Secure Statewide Assessment Update – October 22, 2024

Dear Educators,

Please review the below update for spring 2025 ACT and PreACT Secure testing. Forward to all applicable testing staff.

Important ACT Test Administration Platform Update

Previously, ACT announced that they will be transitioning their test administration platform from PearsonAccess^{next} (PANext) to ACT Now. They have recently communicated to DPI that the **Wisconsin ACT and PreACT Secure will be administered through PearsonAccess^{next} for spring 2025** as they needed additional time for a successful transition to ACT Now in future years.

What's Next?

- 1.) [PearsonAccess^{next}](#) will open for spring 2025 ACT testing on November 4. DPI will grant DACs access to the ACT portal at that time. The PreACT Secure portal will open in January.
- 2.) ACT has **updated technical guides** for both ACT and PreACT Secure to reflect a PANext administration. DACs should disseminate the updated technical guides to all test coordinators and technology coordinators.
 - [UPDATED-ACT Technical Guide \(2025\)](#)
 - [UPDATED- PreACT Secure Technical Guide \(2025\)](#)
 - [Technical Requirements-Specifications](#)
- 3.) **ACT and PreACT Secure trainings** will continue to be held on the same dates and times as previously scheduled. Trainings and office hours will be updated to reflect a PANext administration. Please visit the [DPI ACT Trainings](#) and [PreACT Secure Trainings](#) webpages to register for this year's trainings.

Reminder: The ACT Accommodations training webinar is scheduled for next Tuesday, October 29, 10:00-11:00am.

Monitor Communications

As we transition into the 2025 testing year, it is important for testing staff to continue to monitor communications from DPI and ACT to ensure they are receiving timely assessment notifications and resources. DACs should thoroughly review the DAC Digest weekly and disseminate information and program emails to staff as needed. Archives of the DAC Digest and DPI ACT program emails can be found on the [DPI Assessment Correspondence webpage](#).

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