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To: DACs

Subject: FW: Newsflash - Regarding Wisconsin Forward Exams for Math in Grades 6, 7, and 8

Greetings, District Assessment Coordinators -

Session 1 of the Math Exam for grades 6, 7, and 8 includes some items that allow a student to use a calculator, and some items that do NOT allow the use of a calculator. To ensure that students do not use the calculator tool from one item to assist them in answering a non-calculator item, the non-calculator section (the first section) of the test is not accessible once the student has moved into the calculator section (the second section). Moreover, even if the test is submitted (ended) and is later reopened, *the first section of the test is still not accessible*. The only way to get back into the first section of the test is to have the Help Desk purge the test ticket, which will remove ALL previous responses and the student will have to start the test again from the beginning.

The test directions, which are intended to be read aloud by the Test Administrator to all students before they begin the test, include the following statement:

Before you proceed, I have an important note about the use of calculators in this session. Some items in this session WILL allow you to use a calculator. Once you have finished the non-calculator items, you will see a screen that asks if you would like to move on to the next section of the test. Once you click the green Begin Section button, you will NOT be able to go back to the non-calculator items, even if you have flagged them for review.

In addition to the test directions that have been read aloud, students will encounter the following screen when they are about to leave the first section of the test and enter the second section:

Are you sure you want to move on to the next question?

You cannot use a calculator to answer questions in this portion of the test. When you move to the next question you will not be able to return to this portion of the test, so please be sure you have answered all of the questions and checked your work.

To go back to questions in this portion of the test click the "No, Return to Items" button.

To continue to the next question click the "Yes, Continue" button.

No, Return to ItemsYes, Continue

If a student *pauses* and *exits* out of the test before clicking the "Yes, Continue" button, they will be returned to the first section of the test the next time they login. If they *end* the test before clicking the "Yes, Continue" button, they will be returned to the first item of the second section and will not be able to access the first section again unless the test is purged.

It's suggested that special attention be given to ELL students and other students with designated supports or accommodations that may impact their ability to follow these instructions.

If a student does proceed to the second section of the test before they have completed the first section, or the test is ended before the first section is completed, the DAC can consult with DPI on whether the test can be purged. Please keep in mind that purging the test will remove all previous responses and the student will need to start the test again from the beginning. Once DPI approval has been obtained, the DAC may then call the Help Desk at 1.800.459.6530 to have the ticket purged.

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