

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

New Formative Practices Consultant

Please join us in welcoming Lauren Zellmer to our team as a new consultant. Coming to OSA from the Johnson Creek School District where she served as a reading specialist and secondary English teacher, Lauren's work will focus on professional development related to strategic assessment and formative practices. Additionally, we are working on recruiting a program coordinator for the ACT, ACT ASPIRE, and Workkeys assessments. The job announcement will become available sometime this week. If you know of anyone who would be interested in this position, please encourage them to apply.

REMINDER - DAC/DTC Update Forms

In order to ensure that we maintain our lines of communication with each district across the state, it is important that we receive your district's updated [District Assessment Coordinator \(DAC\)](#) and [District Technology Coordinator \(DTC\)](#) forms to our office as soon as possible. Whether or not there has been a change in personnel, please submit DAC and DTC update forms as soon as possible so that we can verify and maintain the most up-to-date information in our records.

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Viji Somasundaram, Director - Office of Student Assessment

WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATE

FORWARD EXAM

- **NEW - Student Reports and Summaries will be available on the following dates**
 - July 26: Individual Student Reports (ISRs) available in eDIRECT
 - August 1: Summary Reports available in eDIRECT
 - August 16: Individual Student Reports (ISRs) delivered to Districts

ACT HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS

ACT

- **REMINDER** - ACT has notified us that the records for examinees tested with non-college reportable accommodations ARE NOW INCLUDED in data files distributed to District Assessment Coordinators. District data files are stored on a CD and shipped to the district office. All DACs should have received this CD on or before June 29. To differentiate between college reportable and non-college reportable records in the data file, refer to Position 249 (Test Location) in the file layout. An "M" in this position indicates that the examinee's scores are non-college reportable.

ACT Aspire

- **REMINDER** - Individual student reports and summary reports will be available in the ASPIRE portal in the coming weeks.

Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)

- **REMINDER** - The DLM system has updated the supported platforms for KITE Client (secure browser) and Educator Portal for the 2016-17 school year. The revised list of supported platforms is available below and on the [KITE Suite Requirements](#) page on the DLM website.

Supported Platforms for KITE Client 2016-17	Educator Portal Supported Platforms
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Windows 7, 8.1, 10 (desktop, laptop) ● MAC OS X 10.10 – 10.11 ● Chromebook ● iPad, IOS 9 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Firefox 38.7.1 or above ● Safari 9.0.3 or above ● Internet Explorer 11 ● Chrome 35 or above

This summer, district and technology personnel should plan accordingly to prepare for testing in the 2016-17 school year.

PALS

- **REMINDER - 2016-17 Reading Readiness Assessment:**
 - If you still have questions or need information about 2016-17 assessing reading readiness requirements, please refer to any of the previous DAC Digests from the month of April.
 - Efforts are currently underway with our School Management Team here at DPI to define the reimbursement process for 2016-17, and we will provide further information as soon as it is available.

NAEP

- **REMINDER** - Letters to principals in schools selected for NAEP went out at the end of June and DACs were emailed a list of test dates last week. If the assigned date does not work for a school, principals can work with Angela Dugas (angela.dugas@dpi.wi.gov) to reschedule.

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

Important Dates to Remember		
July	25 - Aug. 5: Deduction Inquiry Process	OEA
	26: Individual Student Reports available in eDIRECT	Forward
August	1: Summary Reports available in eDIRECT	Forward
	16: Individual Student Reports delivered to districts	Forward
	22-25: DRC Item Review meetings	Forward

Important Tasks to Remember

<input type="checkbox"/>	Plan accordingly to ensure that staff are able to conduct a review of deduction data during the 7/25-8/5 window should your school or district receive preliminary notification	OEA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Update DAC contact information and DTC contact information and submit to OSA	General
<input type="checkbox"/>	Update secure browser for DLM KITE Client	DLM
<input type="checkbox"/>	Share Vendor-based Reporting Overview with relevant members of your team	General

Online Resource Highlights*

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.

Resource	Contains	Assessment
2016 Vendor-Based Reporting Overview	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