

DAC Digest

September 16, 2015

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

Thanks to all of you on your feedback regarding the DAC Digest. We hope each issue meets your needs. Each week, we will look for some patterns to questions we are receiving and address them right away in the next Digest. On that note, here are some general updates:

- The new Wisconsin Forward Exam will test ELA and mathematics in grades 3-8, and science at grades 4, 8, and 10. At this time, tenth grade students will take the Forward science exam that will serve as our federal accountability measure. We understand that science is also part of the ACT Aspire, but currently that does not function as our accountability measure.
- The RFP for Social Studies is still under consideration. There is no additional information available at this time.
- We are just beginning our planning with DRC, the Forward Exam vendor, and will provide you with more information about the test and its administration as it becomes available. The Forward Exam will be an assessment of Wisconsin standards in the tested subjects, and it will be ready this spring, as we are well situated with the timeline.
- Don't forget the Tea with Troy Webinar on September 30 from 3:00-4:00. I'll be available to answer questions and dialogue with all of you. More to come.

~Troy

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WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATE

Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)

- Individual Student Reports: *Note this change from what was reported in last week's DAC Digest.*
 - We were recently notified by DLM that there has been a delay in the delivery of student-level reports to districts. More information will be provided when DLM notifies us of their timeframe. We realize that this information is important, and are working closely with our DLM contacts to expedite the delivery of reports as soon as possible.
- DLM Facilitated Training Modules
 - Designated facilitators have access to resources on Moodle specific to facilitated training. Facilitators must be added by either the District Test Coordinator (by contacting the [DLM HelpDesk](#)) or by DPI. Facilitated materials are listed in the course list after logging into Moodle. A [FACILITATOR GUIDE FOR REQUIRED TEST ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING 2015-16](#) is posted on the DLM Webpage.

- **Once the DTC or DPI upload a facilitator, it may take up to a full week before access to Moodle is granted. Please plan accordingly for all DLM trainings.**
- DLM Required Test Administration Training Modules
 - Test Administrators must have an active [Educator Portal](#) account before access to the required test administration trainings can be granted. A Moodle account will be created for each test administrator with an active account in Educator Portal. **Allow at least one full week for access to Moodle after your Educator Portal account is created.**
 - Educators who completed the required training last year should be listed as 'returning users.' Educators new to Educator Portal or users who didn't complete the required training last year will be uploaded as 'new users.' Log in to Moodle at <http://training.dynamiclearningmaps.org/>.
 - Educators who have changed districts, have new emails, or have a name change should contact the [DLM Helpdesk](#) to have their accounts linked. Districts should not create new accounts for these individuals.

ACCESS for ELLs

- WIDA Assessment Management System (AMS) login information will be emailed out later this week to all DACs. If you have not received the WIDA AMS login information by the end of the day on Monday, September 21, please contact [Jesse Roberts](#).
- Upon setting up your WIDA AMS account, you may begin to add district and school staff who will be administering the ACCESS for ELLs this year.
 - Manage Users > Add Single User or Upload Multiple Users (.csv)
 - Once added, WIDA AMS will email users with login information.
 - **Please contact users in your district prior to adding them to let them know to expect this email.**
- Training modules will be hosted on the WIDA.us website, and district staff will need a login there to access these materials. These trainings are listed under My Account and Secure Portal once logged into the WIDA website.
- Testing software will be released on October 5th via the WIDA AMS.

PALS

- Fall Administration Window for Grades 1-2 is **NOW OPEN**
 - September 14 – October 9, 2015: Grades 1-2 screening window
 - October 23, 2015: score entry deadline
 - October 12 – November 6, 2015: Grades 4K-5K screening window
 - November 20, 2015: score entry deadline
- **REMINDER:** Student Data Upload
 - DACs will be responsible for uploading student data into the PALS Online Score Entry and Reporting System, as there will not be a statewide upload of data.
 - Information on the steps required to perform this upload can be found [HERE](#).
- **REMINDER:** 1st and 2nd Grade Administration Requirements
 - New for the 2015-16 school year, first and second grade teachers will be able to stop administration of the screener after obtaining the Entry Level Summed Score.

- More information on this option can be found on the [PALS Wisconsin Webpage](#) in the “Important Information” sidebar (see: DPI Requirements for Grades 1 and 2).

NAEP

- In the next week, principals (only at schools selected for NAEP 2016) will receive a packet of information about NAEP pre-assessment tasks.
 - Principals will be asked to designate a NAEP School Coordinator and share the packet with them.
 - The packet will include a reminder of the school’s test date, sample parent notification letters, deadlines for pre-assessment tasks, and login information for MyNAEP (www.mynaep.com) the secure web page where tasks are completed.
 - Once the packets are mailed to principals, DACs (only those with schools participating in NAEP 2016) will receive an email with the same information as well as their own unique district login information for MyNAEP.
 - If there are any questions, please contact Angela Dugas at angela.dugas@dpi.wi.gov.

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

Important Dates to Remember	
September	14 - Oct. 9: Grades 1 and 2 Fall PALS screening window - NOW OPEN
	15: WINSS transitioned to WISEdash Public Portal
	18: 3rd Friday counts; DAC Update forms due to OSA from all districts
	21: DAC notifies Jesse Roberts if WIDA AMS log in information not received
	30: TOMS Portal closes; Tea w/Troy “Office Hours” Webinar (3:00-4:00)
October	5: ACCESS for ELLs software released - DRC Insight Secure Browser, DRC Testing Site Manager (TSM)
	6: ACCESS for ELLs ordering window opens (via WIDA AMS)
	12 - Nov. 6: Grades 4K and 5K Fall PALS screening window
	23: Grades 1 and 2 PALS score entry deadlines
	26-30: ISES closed for data validation
	30: ACCESS for ELLs ordering window closes
November	2-25: ISES Data Correction Window
	12: ACCESS for ELLs PreID file generated by DPI from ISES - all EL info must be up to date
	20: Grades 4K and 5K PALS score entry deadline
	23: ACCESS for ELLs Test Setup opens
December	5: ACCESS for ELLs Testing Window opens

Important Tasks to Remember	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Update any WINSS links on your webpages as needed (<i>WINSS discontinued as of 9/15</i>)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Badger Exam IPRs and ACT Aspire ISRs to be sent home at schools'/districts' earliest convenience (sample parent letters available on website per 9/9 DAC Digest)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Activate DLM user accounts in Educator Portal at least one week prior to needing access to required Test Administration training on Moodle
<input type="checkbox"/>	Please make sure your district has submitted its DAC Update form to our office by 9/18
<input type="checkbox"/>	Establish time within weekly administrative schedule to review weekly DAC Digest, and act upon/communicate items as appropriate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Upload student data into the PALS Online Score Entry and Reporting System (<i>Information on the steps required to perform this upload can be found HERE</i>)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Add district/school staff who will be administering the ACCESS for ELLs this year to WIDA AMS (<i>see above</i>)