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**Subject:** Badger Exam Pretest Workshop Registration Reminder and System Requirement Update

Dear District Assessment coordinators:

**Updated Badger Exam System Requirements:**

The updated Badger Exam System Requirements document is attached. During the Badger System Requirements training in November, a poll on the devices that will be used for administering the Badger Exam was conducted and one district indicated that they will be using Androids. ETS staff have reached out to this district. As you may notice in the attachment, Androids will no longer be supported for the Badger Exam.

Please let us know if you are planning on using Androids for administering Badger Exam by Thursday, 02/12/2015 in order to discuss what alternate arrangements can be made if needed.

**Badger Exam Pretest Workshop Registration:**

The deadline for registering for Badger Exam pretest workshop is February 13, 2015. This is a one-time face-to-face training opportunity during which the DACs and one additional staff from each district can receive first hand information from ETS program management staff, CAL technology staff and DPI staff. You will also benefit from the questions from other school districts.

The following email was sent out to all DACs on Jan 23:

The Department of Public Instruction (DPI), in conjunction with their test vendor, Educational Testing Service (ETS), will be hosting a series of face-to-face trainings to prepare districts for administering the Badger Exam 3-8: A Smarter Balanced Assessment during the week of February 23. There will be one session each day held from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at five different locations across the state. (Parking is complementary or waived and light refreshments will be served).

- Monday, February 23, 2015 - Turtle Lake
- Tuesday, February 24, 2015 – La Crosse
- Wednesday, February 25, 2015 – Wausau/Rothschild
- Thursday, February 26, 2015 – Green Bay
- Friday, February 27, 2015 – Madison

This training will provide important information that districts need to prepare for the online administration. The training includes information and demonstration of the following topics: Test preparation, testing schedules, test policies and administration features, creating test sessions and test tickets, appeals system, test security, Badger Exam resources and supports, and key dates and tasks for preparing for the assessment.

The face-to-face trainings are for:

- District: Two staff are permitted to participate (DAC and a staff in charge of technology readiness and student data uploads), and
- CESA: One staff permitted from each CESA.

After February 27, a recorded version of the presentation will be made available on the DPI Badger Exam 3-8 web page for additional interested staff.

Please register by Friday, February 13. Also note that walk-ins are not accepted due to the space limitation.