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RELEASE OF VALUE-ADDED DATA IN EVAAS

Over the next three weeks, the Department of Public Instruction and SAS Institute will release district-, school-, and teacher-level value-added data in the Education Value-Added Assessment System (EVAAS). This memo outlines the release timeline, describes the data that will be released, offers reminders on EVAAS, and provides links to resources that will be helpful as districts and schools prepare for these new student growth data.

Schedule for Release of Value-Added Data

During the release of the 2011-12 value-added data, the Department of Public Instruction provided district EVAAS administrators, other central office staff with EVAAS accounts, and school administrators with a “preview” window in which they were able to review data prior to its direct release to teachers. Feedback overwhelmingly indicated that district staff members and administrators found this time to review data and communicate with teachers to be valuable.

As a result, the Department will again release value-added data through a staggered process. Because over 90,000 teachers in North Carolina now have access to EVAAS, the staggered release will require a lockdown of the system for certain users while other users gain access to the 2012-13 data.

- **From the evening of October 17 to 11:59 pm on October 20**, only district EVAAS administrators and central office staff members with EVAAS accounts will be able to access EVAAS. During this time, they will be able to see any district-, school-, and teacher-level value-added reports from 2012-13 (dependent on permissions that have been granted by the district EVAAS administrator). During this time, school administrators and teachers will not be able to access the system.

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- **From 12:00 am on October 21 to 11:59 pm October 27**, district EVAAS administrators and central office staff members with EVAAS accounts will be able to access EVAAS and continue to view value-added reports from 2012-13. During this window, school administrators will also be able to view reports for their district, school, and teachers. Teachers will not be able to access the system.
- **At 12:00 am on October 28**, teachers will gain access to school-level value-added data, as well as individual data.

Attached to this memo, you will find advance copies of the email notifications that will be sent to school administrators and teachers upon release of data.

Procedures for EVAAS Lockdown

If a school administrator or teacher tries to access EVAAS during the time window when it is locked, they will receive a message about the timeline for release. The Department of Public Instruction recommends that any school administrators or teachers who will need to use data from EVAAS during the lockdown should print or save the reports prior to October 17. Examples of reports that users may want to access during the lockdown are student projection reports. The Department of Public Instruction will also send a reminder email to all school administrators and teachers to notify them of the lockdown and suggest that they print or download any reports that they will need during that time period.

Reports Included in Release

The data release that begins on October 17 includes district-, school-, and teacher-level reports on the End-of-Grade assessments, End-of-Course assessments, many of the Career and Technical Education Post-Assessments, and many of the NC Final Exams (formerly known as Common Exams). Teacher reporting will include evaluation composites, which combine data from any of the above assessments into one value-added score. This evaluation composite is the Standard 6 rating for a teacher with individual data. This reporting includes two new reports – the decision dashboard and scatterplots – as well as teacher reports that have been newly designed to meet the needs of users. Attached to this memo, you will find overviews of the decision dashboard, scatterplots, and the new teacher reports.

Reports Included in Future Release

In the next two months, the Department of Public Instruction and SAS Institute will release the teacher and administrator evaluation dashboards. The teacher evaluation dashboard allows a teacher to see his or her ratings on Standards 1 – 6 of the Teacher Evaluation Process. The administrator evaluation dashboard allows a principal or assistant principal to see his or her ratings on Standards 1 – 8 of the School Executive Evaluation Process.

These reports are currently undergoing revisions to reflect the State Board of Education's recent decision to use the stronger two out of three years of student growth values to determine an educator's status for the fall of the 2015-16 school year.

EVAAS Reminders

Security for Teacher Value-Added Reports: Access to teacher value-added reports is protected behind a second layer of authentication due to the secure nature of this information. The Unique ID (UID) is the ten-digit state ID number that has replaced the Social Security number in state databases. The Department of Public Instruction strongly encourages you to remind teachers about their UIDs prior to the release of value-added data. Often, teachers are familiar with the number, but do not recognize that it is the UID when they are prompted to enter it.

Data Accuracy: During the 2012-13 school year, the Department of Public Instruction deployed a roster verification process that offered teachers an opportunity to verify the list of students assigned to them, as well as adjust instructional responsibility for students. As a result, the value-added data in EVAAS should reflect more accurate student-teacher links than in previous years.

Account Creation and Maintenance: The Department of Public Instruction has shared new resources on account creation and maintenance with your district EVAAS administrators. The individuals who will receive access to value-added data in October are:

- Individuals with district EVAAS accounts
- School administrators
- Any teacher with his or her own value-added data from 2012-13
- Any teacher with no value-added data who had an EVAAS account last year

Between now and the release of the educator evaluation dashboards, the Department of Public Instruction and SAS Institute will be creating and moving accounts for users who have changed schools or districts over the summer, as well as new hires.

Additional EVAAS Resources

Expert trainers with the SAS Institute provide web trainings on various types of reporting in EVAAS, as well as the use of the value-added data for instructional improvement. To access the schedule for professional development offered in the next few weeks, please visit <https://ncdpi.sas.com/>.

The Department of Public Instruction also offers a variety of resources for EVAAS on its educator effectiveness website at <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/effectiveness-model/evaas/resources/>. Additionally, your Race to the Top Professional Development Leads can also support your districts and schools around the use of EVAAS. Please visit <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/profdev/directory/> to find contact information for your Professional Development Lead.

If you have any questions about policy around the use of EVAAS in NC's educator effectiveness model, or educator effectiveness in general, please email educatoreffectiveness@dpi.nc.gov. For technical assistance with EVAAS accounts or questions about the reports, please click on Contact Us at <https://ncdpi.sas.com>. We greatly appreciate your efforts in our shared commitment to provide each child in the state with an excellent teacher and to provide each school with a high-quality leader.

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Attachments Teacher Notification on EVAAS
School Administrator Notification on EVAAS
Information about New EVAAS Reports