DAC & CTE MAARS Webinar Q&A

Q: Can we get copies of these slides and is it recorded?
A: Yes both the recording and the slide deck will be posted here: https://www.maine.gov/doe/Testing_Accountability/MECAS/results within the accordion MAARS – Confidential.

Q: Are the single page reports available?
A: Yes, there are two formats of ISRs in order to share spring 2019 assessment data with families. The district has the opportunity to utilize the format that best meets the needs of student families. The following documents are available for district and school use:
  - **Summary ISR** – this one (1) page document provides a summary of the student’s performance on the spring 2019 state assessments.
  - **Comprehensive ISR** – this four (4) page document provides detailed data and information regarding the student’s performance on the spring 2019 state assessments.

Q: Can I have a school user attached to two schools? I was able to do this last year but this year it seems to only allow one school.
A: Yes. Users are based on their first and last name. You can facilitate this by making the school name the users last name. For example, if user Cindy needs access to Washington School and Lincoln High School, one would be Cindy.Washington and the other Cindy.Lincoln. Once established, the new user can change their password for convenience. You can use the same email address for Cindy for both school accounts and Cindy should then get 4 emails (e.g. username & password for Cindy.Washington and username & password for Cindy.Lincoln).

Q: Can you discuss more about the trainings next week? Is the intended audience new users? Or - should all DACs be in attendance?
A: The primary 2020 change in MAARS is regarding the ISRs (described above) with the reconfiguration of the 1-page ‘Summary’ ISR versus the 4-page ‘Comprehensive’ ISR. These workshops are intended as either a refresher or for new MAARS users, in addition to a presentation from the ESSA Team regarding approved changes to Maine’s Model of School Support.

**November 19, 2019**
Abromson Community Education Center  Click here to register for the November 19, 2019 session.
88 Bedford St
Portland, ME 04101

**November 20, 2019**  Click here to register for the November 20, 2019 session.
Wells Conference Center
131 Munson Road
University of Maine
Orono, ME 04469
Click here to register for the November 21, 2019 session.

University of Maine – Presque Isle
Grand Ballroom – Aroostook Room
181 Main St
Presque Isle, ME 04769

Q: Will the information/slides be available for those who don’t make next week’s MAARS training?
A: Yes, the USM/Portland Tuesday 11/19/19 MAARS workshop will be recorded and posted.

Q: Will there be information on the new School Accountability process or criteria?
A: Yes, the ESSA Team will also be present at the November MAARS Workshops to review approved changes to Maine’s Model of School Support and ESSA Report Cards.

Q: Can you clarify the URL link to the MAARS Confidential Reporting Portal?
A: https://lms.backpack.education

Q: When will the sessions with regard to the (administration) contents and format of assessments be?
A: Two workshops will be held in February (2/12/20 Orono/Black Bear Inn and 2/13/19 USM/Portland). The morning sessions will be conjointly presented by Maine DOE, Cognia (formerly Measured Progress) and eMetric on the administration of eMPowerME. The afternoon sessions will be conjointly presented by Maine DOE and College Board on the administration of high school SAT. The registration links will become available after the first of the new year. Training sessions for Alternate Assessments are separate and for more information you should contact Sue.Nay@maine.gov, the Alternate Assessment Coordinator or Janette.Kirk@maine.gov, Interim Assessment Team Leader.