# Assessment Team

# Office Hours/Lunch & Learn

December 8, 2021

**Questions & Answers**

**Q: Does the ESSA dashboard also give the school’s/district’s federal report card? If not, when will that be available to districts?**

A: Yes. The ESSA Dashboard has replaced the previously provided NCLB Report card. The ESSA dashboard contains all data reporting elements required by ESSA including data at the SAU and school level. Data is disaggregated by student population. SAUs have already validated and reviewed student assessment data within MAARS and therefore, we are anticipating the migration of data to the ESSA Data Dashboard will be available for your review in January.

**Q: ISRs are available in MAARS. Are we required to provide them to families now?**

A: It depends. For students who participated in the MSAA Math or MSAA ELA assessment, data has not yet been provided to families. The SAU is required to share this data via the ISR with families. ISRs with alternate assessment (MSAA) data should be downloaded from MAARS and provided to families.

For students who participated in the NWEA assessment, this data is available in the MARC platform (NWEA platform) within 24 hours of participation. Many SAUs already have a process in place for sharing NWEA data with families and therefore, if you have already shared this information with families, you have met the federal requirement. If you have not shared this information with families, the ISRs (or another report) should be shared with families.

ISRs will not be created for the fall 2021 administration of the NWEA but the data will be uploaded to MAARS.

**Q: Is there a way I can download only my alternate assessment ISRs?**

Unfortunately, functionality within the system does not currently permit a bulk download of MSAA only ISRs.

**Q: We received a letter from the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) regarding the school pulse survey. Are we required to participate?**

A: This is an independent survey implemented by the National Center of Educational Statistics (NCES) of the IES division within US Department of Education. IES has incentives to participate however, your participation is **not** a requirement.