# ASSESSMENT OFFICE HOURS / LUNCH and LEARN

# Q &A October 13, 2021

## General

## **Q: My NEO access is very limited (staff roster only), do I need to have that changed, or if I have access to MAARS is that everything I need as the DAC?**

A: The NEO access is generally given to a school administrator to access and complete necessary SAU/School reports. If you are curious about the full range of NEO rights and permissions the [NEO Permissions Guide](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-nsluhGrUO3rUN9BJe5wijV207-EjXmg/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=106876097871677933020&rtpof=true&sd=true) has been drafted by Andy Wallace of South Portland School Department to provide additional information.

**Q: Do you know what time the MAARS ad hoc training will be?**

A: The MAARS Adhoc training is scheduled for November 10, 2021 from 2 – 3 pm. Registration will be posted to the professional development calendar by Friday, October 22.

## NWEA

**Q: Will we be getting student reports for the Fall 2021 NWEA testing?**

A: You will have access to student Fall 2021 results within 24 hours through your NWEA/MARC account. Results for Spring 2021 are tentatively planned to be available within the Maine Assessment and Accountability Reporting System (MAARS) within the next week, but the Fall 2021 administration will not generate Individual Student Reports (ISRs) in MAARS.

**Q: We’ve had some staff express concern about being a human reader due to how close they feel they have to stand to a student in order to read their laptops. There is also a concern about how students feel having an adult hover so near to them for the purpose of reading to them. One solution has been to project the child’s screen onto a larger space in the classroom but that option is not available for everyone. Ideas?**

A: We recommend that Read Aloud/Human Reader be a 1:1 environment, and ideally in separate rooms, but we realize this may not be feasible. Please follow your school’s protocol for COVID whether this include wearing masks, face shields, distancing requirements, etc. Input from the field includes: Some of our service providers used these sorts of dividers last year: <https://www.amazon.com/Student-Desk-Shields-Portable-Protective/dp/B08F5B3VJ5>

**Q: Will the spring ISR include growth data?**

A: This has not yet been determined, as this is the first year with an assessment which has such capability. The Team is currently exploring that option and will be reaching out to educators to inform decision making.

## ACCESS

Q: Was the EL training video recorded?

A: Yes, the session pertaining to EL Data was co-hosted by the Maine DOE Data Team and April Perkins, and was recorded. [Click here to access the training](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hBSnPxR6cEM).