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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Administrators, EL Coordinators and District Test Coordinator

FROM: Theresa Bennett, Director, Office of Assessment
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SUBJECT: Fall ACCESS Testing Opportunity

DATE: June 3, 2020

WIDA is offering a fall testing window for students who might have exited EL status had schools not closed. Eligible students, who were enrolled in Delaware SY2019-2020, can take the entire test, if they had not started, or only the missing domains, if they had started. This is not for re-takes. This falls directly in line with the recommendations of the *2020 USED Fact Sheet – Providing Services to English Learners During the COVID19 Outbreak*:

Page 8, Item 14: “An LEA may not exit an EL from EL status unless the student has demonstrated proficiency on a valid and reliable assessment that includes the four domains of listening, speaking, reading, and writing.”

Additional Logistics:

- Students, who were enrolled in a Delaware school in 2019-2020, will test in their prior grade level.
- Counts need to be confirmed to WIDA by June 26, 2020.
- Office of Assessment will coordinate with DRC and WIDA for ordering.
- Testing completed and materials received at DRC with a postmark **no later than October 1, 2020**.
- The updated score will be provided in updated files in AMS (SSR, DSR and ISR files), however new ISR paper reports will not be printed.
- All teachers administering the fall assessment are required to take the paper/pencil training in WIDA AMS **no later than August 28, 2020**.

Please use this link to order materials: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VTZSDRB>. The survey will close on June 24, 2020.

Please direct questions pertaining to the administration of the assessment to Theresa.Bennett@doe.k12.de.us; please direct questions pertaining to programming to Maria.Paxson@doe.k12.de.us