Assessment News Alert- March 11, 2025

This message was sent to assessment coordinators and WIDA contacts in public school districts and several approved programs and non-public school systems.

General Assessment Updates

- **Summative Assessment Virtual Training for Assessment Coordinators**. If you missed out on attending one of our face-to-face regional trainings, or just need a refresher, you can **register for this virtual training**. **School Coordinators and principals are invited to attend, as well.** Training will take place **TODAY** from 1:30 to 3:30 pm CT (12:30 to 2:30 pm MT).

- **Summative TAM Now Available**. The 2025 Summative Test Administration Manual (TAM) is now available for the Math, ELA, and Science Assessments. Within the TAM are the teacher, school coordinator, and assessment coordinator checklists, as well as the scripts. Teachers and Proctors must read the scripts verbatim. **The standalone checklists and scripts by the end of this week.**

- **MSAA Training Modules**. **The MSAA window opened yesterday**! The MSAA Test Administration Training for Test Administrators (TAs) is available and required to be completed before TAs begin administering MSAA alternate assessments on March 10. Test Coordinators must create TA accounts in the MSAA system.

- **Upcoming Cambium assessment trainings**. South Dakota educators can now **register** for any Cambium's virtual one-hour trainings:
    - Test Delivery System (TDS) Proctor Training - **March 11, 2025 (10am-11pm CT) – RIGHT NOW!**
    - SD Science Alternate Assessment Proctor Training - **March 13, 2025 (11am-12pm CT)**
    - Data Entry Interface (DEI) System Training for SD Science Assessment (SDSA) Paper - **March 19, 2025 (11am-12pm CT)**
    - Reporting System Webinar - **April 3, 2025 (11am-12pm CT)**

- **2024-25 Testing Windows**
    - MSAA (Math ALT and ELA ALT) are open March 10-April 25
    - Math, ELA, Science, and Science ALT are open March 24-May 2
    - Paper Summative Assessments are March 31-April 18
    - Interim Assessments close May 2 (IABs and FIABs)
    - ICAs closed on March 7

SD-ELP (ACCESS Updates)

- **Upcoming Timeline for SD-ELP (ACCESS)**
    - 3.10.25 – Deadline for shipping completed test materials to DRC – POSTMARKED by
    - 5.6.25 – Districts receive reports and data – Online
    - 5.12.25-5.14.25 – Districts receive reports – Printed