

FATA Medium District Meeting - July 29th at 10 AM

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BAY	FLAGLER	MANATEE	SANTA ROSA
CHARLOTTE	HERNANDO	MARION	SARASOTA
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CLAY	INDIAN RIVER	NASSAU	ST LUCIE
COLLIER	LAKE	OKALOOSA	WALTON

Testing with COVID Considerations

→ Testing Protocols for Online Testing District Assessments

- ◆ State Assessments Will Not Be Administered At Home
- ◆ Manatee - Problems with online testing for Grade 3 Retention Summer Reading Camp (unrealistic results - 12th to 99th percentile); RespondUS district purchase lockdown browser (iReady and SchoolCity) - to help ensure more valid home testing
 - Also, utilizing Teams in small-group testing, so teacher can view students while at-home testing
- ◆ Lake - Performance Matters & iReady Diagnostic
- ◆ Indian River - iReady in the Spring - not valid measure
 - Better education for families about the purpose of the iReady Diagnostic - to set the learning path
- ◆ Alachua - Canvas?
- ◆ Nassau and Bay also use Canvas for instructional platform
 - Pam from Nassau followed up after the meeting and stated that Canvas does have RespondUs built in as a secure browser.
 - I did reach out to a few other districts, but they are using Performance Matters (not Canvas) for district assessments.

- ◆ Polk - STAR - setting two different testing windows (one for brick-and-mortar students and one for elearning students) in order to help separate the data between the two modes of instruction; will need to research further into offering our district assessments through Performance Matters

→ Testing Protocols for Brick-and-Mortar Testing

- ◆ Distance Learners Returning to School for Assessments

- Polk - We are going to try to test our brick-and-mortar students in the first few weeks of the testing window and reserve the last couple of weeks for all virtual learners.
- Several districts will not be able to use their central testing locations due to the increase in virtual enrollment.

- FLVS

- I did reach out to Kira Bland from FLVS with our questions about requesting TAs (and their plan for testing) and the timeline of their fall testing lists. She is going to discuss with district leadership and get back to me.
 - ◆ Followed up with Kira - August 24th for lists
 - ◆ They will try to accommodate TA requests from individual districts; however, they do not have staff that live in all of the locations.
- *Per statute - districts required to provide facilities to test, but are not required to provide TA. With this deadly pandemic, FLVS should be providing own TAs. Our teachers are already saying they do not want to be exposed to additional potential infection.*
- *Unless an alternative testing site is mutually agreed to by the Florida Virtual School and the school district or as contracted under s. 1008.24, all industry certification examinations, national assessments, and statewide assessments must be taken at the school to which the student would be assigned according to district school board attendance areas. A school district must provide the student with access to the school's testing facilities and the date and time of the administration of each examination or assessment. 1002.37*

- District Virtual School
- Campus E-Learning
- Home Education
- FLKRS
- PBT COVID issues - so many hands touching documents
- Centralized Testing of Home Learners

◆ CDC Guidelines

- Physical Distancing/Setting up Testing Rooms
 - Lake - Dividers with PVC Pipe and Shower Curtains
- Disinfecting Devices (Computers, Calculators)
 - Putting calculators in Ziplock bags
 - Several districts are 1:1 on devices. :)
- Cardboard/Plexiglass Barriers

◆ CBT with Laptops

- Lessons Learned and Advice
 - Mice, instead of touchpads
 - Ensure wifi (access point) is able to handle the load of the computer or hardwire
 - Ensure you have chargers and power strips and/or extra computers in case the battery life runs low
 - Chromebooks - easy login
 - 1:1 devices - making sure they are charged, updates are ran, apps are not running in the background (like Teams), and whitelisting applicable URLs

→ Revisions to Assessment Calendar

◆ Shift PSAT Date to 10/28

- Polk is; others are not due to SAT School Day administration on 10/14

◆ Fall Retake Window

- Utilizing FLDOE's 2 Sessions in 1 Day?
 - St. Lucie - district leadership is going to make a decision across the district

- Polk thought about possibility for 2 sessions in 1 day only for virtual learners coming in for testing; however, several other large districts have already nixed that idea due to the equity issue
- Escambia suggested informing families of the option, but having written documentation of their choices.
- FDOE's response is that they are giving districts the flexibility to do what is needed while keeping in mind that the tests were not designed to have both sessions given in the same day, and it absolutely could impact results due to the tests' rigor.
 - ◆ *Need to really emphasize to the schools about the Sess 2 availability on Day 1 - accidental approvals could be very high, with students having to finish Sess 2 that day when not prepared for that endurance test - or TA "forgets" to report and student starts Sess 2, but doesn't finish and thinks can do it the next day.*
- Utilizing Full 6-Week Window (or the official window when published by FLDOE)?
 - We think that FLDOE will only extend the window, not open early.
- Algebra 1 EOC or Wait for Geometry EOC (or PSAT) for Those Enrolled in Geometry?
 - Heather Himes - Letter attached in follow-up email for family choice
 - Anyone Have CoC Adults Now Eligible for a Diploma?
 - ◆ In a real quick check, I did not find any former CoC students that would now be eligible.
- ELA Retake
 - Test All 11th Graders or Wait Until Spring (After ACT/SAT Opportunities)?
 - Consensus of Responses: Provide the students with every opportunity

◆ Escambia - Sign up sheet for participants for planning purposes

◆ FSAA Retake Window and Ordering

- According to Susie on the 7/28 call, it is suggested that these students wait until spring to test if possible.

◆ ACT and/or SAT School Day

- College-Reportable vs. NCR?
 - Those districts that spoke seem to have a mixture of SAT College Reportable, SAT NCR, and ACT NCR.
- Governor's Funding for Students to Participate
 - FLDOE assessment team did not have further information to provide at this time.
 - Polk's ACT rep - Funding will be used for college-reportable school day administration

◆ Spring Testing

- Any Possibility of Returning to CBT for Grades 3 - 6?
 - According to Susie on the 7/28 call, the answer is no.
 - *COVID issues with PBT - so many hands touching documents. From vendor to district to school to TA to child and then repeat in reverse.*
- Any Possibility of Extending the Testing Window Since Many Districts Have Moved Back Their School Calendars?
 - Legislatively, we cannot test sooner than the last four weeks of school. With the current FLDOE May testing windows, that would only leave 1 - 2 weeks of testing time for those districts in school until mid-June.
 - ◆ http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=1000-1099/1008/Sections/1008.22.html
 - Reporting Timeline Adjustments (June 30th)
 - According to Susie on the 7/28 call, they are looking at this issue and welcome proposals from the districts.

- ◆ I will add a question to our follow-up survey to gauge end dates to provide Susie with quantitative data.
- ◆ The paper window is the main concern.
- ◆ Exemption to start when the state window opens even though that is prior to 4 weeks before the end of the window?

→ Trainings

◆ Virtual vs. Face-to-Face?

- Most seem to be virtual
- I (Heather from Polk) will try to share nearpod presentation
- Escambia - Google Classroom in combination with Camatasia recordings with classroom assessments
- Bay - Previously used freeconferncall.com, but will now use Google Meet and Canvas.

◆ Platforms Utilized

→ Accountability/Evaluation

◆ Changes to Evaluation System and Impact to Assessment

- Comparison from 1819 to 2021

◆ VAM and Impact of Assessments

- FLDOE is working on a simulation and have not decided yet.

◆ Potential for Many Students Who Will Not Participate This Year (95%)

→ Additional Topics

◆ Scheduling of Students in SIS - Transferring Enrollment

- Most districts have three options (Campus Learning, eSchool, and District Virtual School). The eSchool learners are still going to be assigned to the brick and mortar campus with a flag in the SIS.