

**FATA Region 4 Meeting  
December 3, 2020  
Held virtually via Microsoft Teams**

The meeting began at 10:00 a.m. and opened with introductions of attendees.

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**Topics Discussed**

**ACCESS for ELLs:** how will schools get students to come in for testing? No suggestions.

**Accountability and VAM:** districts are concerned about the “95% tested” requirement.

**ACT and SAT:**

- CARES Act Funding – districts are struggling to obtain and process the contracts mandated by both ACT and SAT to cover coverage.
- Online ACT – Lake and Orange are going administer ACT online. Orange said online is easy and works well. This is Lake’s first time using the online platform.
- ACT Success site is posing problems with access, great concern that ACT has not provided scores through the repository for any fall administrations.

### **Progress Monitoring:**

- Various districts are using iReady, district assessments, and APM.
- Lake is using APM extensively with face-to-face and virtual students.
  - Observations – took 2-3 hours with Elementary because students were not familiar with item types. They will use it again in February. Teachers like that they can see the items. Expect that secondary teachers will not require as much training for Spring assessments since APM is similar.
- Highlands is using APM for virtual students
  - Observations – the 30 minute monitoring piece is not good.

### **Spring Assessment:**

- Devices – concerns about the number of devices available and condition of those checked out to students
- Scheduling - Lake is testing virtual students at schools on early release days (Wednesday) and on Saturdays. One school in Highlands County allows school staff to trade out time and offers stipends. District staff leads assessment on Saturdays. Students are given advance notice that they will complete both sessions in one day and instructed to bring a lunch. It is reported that Broward and Palm Beach are going to only let students who are testing on campus and tell others to stay home. Polk has a plan for high school students to have “College Career Exploration” of campus on testing days to reduce number of students on campus. Many districts are hoping to maintain district specified testing dates even though it is expected that FDOE will be more flexible this year.
- Space – using large areas such as gyms to maintain social distancing
- All of these issues require a plan for the **Infrastructure Trial** also. Most districts will plan to conduct the trial towards the end of January or beginning of February.

**The next Region 4 meeting will be late June or early July.**

**The meeting ended at 11:15 a.m.**