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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Farewell to Holly Dalton

Please join the Assessment Team in congratulating Holly Dalton, our Early Literacy and Mathematics Assessment Specialist on her new position. Holly recently accepted an offer to serve as the *Senior Manager of Social Emotional Learning/Instruction* at the Willamette Educational Service District (WESD). Her last official day at ODE will be July 17, 2020. Her new job will allow her to focus on the social/emotional development of students will help ensure that all students, regardless of race, ethnicity, or socio-economic background receive the necessary foundational skills to be successful in school and career.

Holly shared that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve educators, students, and families at the Oregon Department of Education for the past five years. One of the greatest highlights of working at a state agency for Holly was the opportunity to learn from experts at both the national and state levels. Working with a team of such dedicated and hard-working colleagues that focus on improving outcomes for all students has been motivating and humbling for her.

A heartfelt expression of gratitude to Holly for her dedication at ODE and best wishes for a fruitful engagement on her new career path with WESD! We will take efforts to fill the vacant position on the Assessment Team with an early learning assessment specialist with expertise in formative assessment practices.

Please contact Director of Assessment [Dan Farley](#) if you have any recommendations that might help us successfully fill this vacancy. Please send any early literacy or early mathematics assessment questions you have in the meantime to [Lacey Rhoades](#) and she will route them to the appropriate Assessment Team member.

TEST ADMINISTRATION

ELPA

Now Available: Unique Screening Guidance for 2020-21

Due to complications arising from COVID-19, some students who were scheduled to complete English Language Proficiency testing in spring of 2020 did not begin, or only partially completed, the English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA) Summative. In order to determine these students' need for language services in school year 2020-21, districts will administer the ELPA Screener (a process ODE is calling "unique screening"). ODE has completed guidance on [Unique Screening in 2020-21](#).

This guidance explains the unique screening process in detail, and is intended to be used alongside previously published guidance on [Administering the ELPA Screener with Physical Distancing](#). Please note that the short treatment of this guidance in the ELPA Screener Informational Webinar (found on the [Assessment Training Materials page](#)) contains outdated information; the recording will be replaced after the delivery of the August edition of the webinar.

As a brief reminder, here are ELPA-related windows in the 2020-21 school year (all dates inclusive):

Window	Date Range	Notes
Future K scoring	3/1/20 through 12/31/20	See the ELPA Screener Informational Webinar and ELPA21's Kindergarten Screener information sheet for more on Future K scoring.
Unique screening	8/4/20 through 11/20/20	Link to guidance
ELPA Screener (2020-21 forms)	8/4/20 through 7/16/21	See schedules and downtimes on the state portal.
ELPA Summative	1/5/21 through 4/9/21	Anticipated; may change due to COVID-related factors.

Please contact [Ben Wolcott](#) with any questions or concerns.

SCIENCE

2020-2021 Science Interim Assessments Repeat

Science Interim Assessments are now available for purchase for the 2020-2021 school year. Purchases can be made by district, or for specific schools within a district. The Science Interim Assessments are aligned to the NGSS Science content standards and include the full array of accessibility resources used for the OSAS Science Assessment, including TTS, Spanish translation, and Braille. For more information about the Science Interim Assessments, please refer to the [Science Interim Assessments Information Sheet](#).

The Science Interim Assessments are offered at \$4.95 per enrolled students in grades 5, 8, and 11. Students in grades 3 through high school are permitted to utilize the assessment bank as deemed appropriate by the school and educator.

Districts or schools interested in purchasing the Science Interim Assessments for 2020-2021, please contact [Margaux Nielsen](#) for additional information or questions.

ACCOUNTABILITY & REPORTING

Annual Cumulative Average Daily Membership (ADM) Audit Window Closes July 17

The Annual Cumulative ADM Audit Window Closes at the end of the day **Friday, July 17**. Please ensure someone in your district has reviewed the audits provided in Consolidated Collections. You can find information about the Annual Cumulative ADM collection on the [ADM Resources Page](#) and in the [web training](#) from May 13.

If you have any questions, please contact your [Regional ESD Partners](#) or [Amanda Leopard](#) at 503-947-5674.