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Thursday, November 7, 2019

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#### **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Monthly DTC Webinars Starting Next Month**

District Test Coordinator (DTC) Webinars will begin on **December 11** from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. PT and continue on the second Wednesday of each month through June. These monthly DTC webinars are an optional (but encouraged) space for DTCs to receive reminders and participation opportunities, hear more in-depth information on specific topics relating to assessment, participate in a live question and answer session, and use as a share-space for hearing practices other districts may be using.

An e-mail will be sent out a week prior to the webinar to gather feedback from DTCs on topics they would like covered, as well as questions to address. It is critical that DTCs submit these questions ahead of time to ensure that ODE has the proper personnel and well thought-out answers available during the webinar.

We will not host a webinar unless we have at least 15 minutes of substantive content to discuss. This typically translates to four or more questions/topics on the agenda. We'll follow the general structure defined below:

- 1. Welcome and introductions (2 minutes)
- 2. Provide ODE updates (5 minutes)
- 3. Answer questions submitted by DTCs (10 minutes)
- 4. Present long-term vision/planning (5 minutes)
- 5. Clarify next steps and adjourn (2 minutes)

The times are approximate. We will try to limit the duration to 30 minutes. If we do not have sufficient content to justify a webinar, we'll answer any questions via a Q & A email or in the A&A Update, as appropriate.

Here are the following dates to register (all webinars will be held from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. PT):

- Wed, Dec 11, 2019
- Wed, Jan 8, 2020
- Wed, Feb 12, 2020
- Wed, Mar 11, 2020
- Wed, Apr 8, 2020
- Wed, May 13, 2020
- Wed, Jun 10, 2020

#### Reminder: Annual DTC Training Requirements REPEAT

This is a reminder that District Test Coordinators (DTCs) must participate in the annual test security and administration training provided by ODE. *DTCs who do not participate in annual test security and administration training* **will have their current access** to the OSAS system **revoked** after the final ODE-facilitated webinar and may not receive important updates sent to the DTC listserv thereafter. For more information, please see the "Reminder: Annual DTC Training Requirements" article posted in the <u>September 26 A&A Update</u>.

#### **TEST ADMINISTRATION**

#### **SCIENCE**

#### **Update on 2018-19 OSAS Science Assessment Score Reporting**

Oregon Department of Education (ODE) completed a successful operational science assessment in the spring of 2019 and the initial standard setting process in August of 2019; however, we need to address limitations we encountered in recruiting efforts for that standard setting. We are engaging with several community partners who represent Oregon's diverse racial/ethnic groups to ensure that we are hearing from educators who represent our historically underrepresented populations in a manner that respects their perspectives. ODE is committed to ensuring that a substantial community engagement process occurs before our summative science scores are presented to the State Board of Education and made public.

2018-19 OSAS Science Assessment scores will likely not be available before the opening of the 2019-20 assessment window. We advise high schools to make decisions about re-assessing students after 2018-19 scores are made available to avoid unnecessarily re-assessing students. Students who have previously banked a passing score either on the legacy OAKS assessment or the OSAS assessment will not need to re-assess. Students utilizing a legacy OAKS passing score will be included in participation, but not achievement.

Students may wish to take the OSAS Science Assessment again in an effort to improve their score, or if they deem it inconvenient to wait for scores to be made available. In cases where the student had previously banked a legacy OAKS passing score, the new OSAS Science Assessment Score will replace the legacy OAKS score. For students who have previously taken the OSAS Science Assessment (2018-19), the higher of the two scores will be retained.

Students may take the OSAS Science Assessment prior to their 11<sup>th</sup> grade year, the year of accountability; however, the student's readiness for the expected rigor and content of the assessment should be taken into consideration in cases of 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students wishing to take the high school OSAS Science Assessment prior to 11<sup>th</sup> grade.

### **ACCOUNTABILITY & REPORTING**

# First Period Cumulative Average Daily Membership (ADM) Audit Window Opens November 7 at 1 p.m.

The Audit Window for the First Period Cumulative ADM collection opens Thursday, **November 7 at 1 p.m.**, and the collection will be open to all to review audits and to make any needed corrections. The audit window will close at the end of the day **Friday**, **November 15**, **2019**. You can find information about the First Period Cumulative ADM collection on the <u>ADM Resources Page</u> and in the <u>web training</u> from September 19. If you have any questions, please contact your Regional ESD Partners or Amanda Leopard at 503-947-5674.

# Fall Membership Validation Opens Thursday, November 7 REPEAT

The Fall Membership validation will open on **Thursday, November 7, 2019** and close on **January 24, 2020**. The <u>2019-20</u> <u>student membership manual</u> has been posted. For more information or questions, please contact your <u>Regional ESD Partner</u> or <u>Robin Stalcup</u> at 503-947-0849.