

Assessment Memo #10

9/15/2009

Dear Assessment Directors,

Just a few updates, please contact me if you have any questions.

1. September Assessment Directors Meeting

Friday, Sept. 18

Nebo Learning Center

570 South Main (Due to construction, take the first Springville exit going south on I15)

General Meeting: 9-12:30 (Online Writing Training will be from 9-10:30)

Additional Optional Training: 1:00 -2:30 (CRT reports on Cognos, Additional Online Writing, Explanation and discussion of equating continued from the New Assessment Director's training)

An agenda and powerpoint are attached.

The meeting will be available on Wimba. URL:

http://67.202.210.77/launcher.cgi?room=my_203226

Dial-in number(s): Phone - (201) 549-7592

Phone PIN: 62113381

Curriculum folks are welcome to attend the Online Writing Training (9-10:30). Online Writing training will also be provided at the state literacy meetings on Oct. 6.

2. AYP/UPASS Reports

AYP/UPASS reports will be released to the public on Wednesday.

3. Online Writing Update

- Measurement Inc. is the new vendor for the DWA
- An informational website about the writing practice program is available at <https://www.wpponline.com/Welcome.aspx>
- 11th grade student licenses will cost \$4.64 each for a year
- 4th, 6th, 7th, 9th, 10th, and 12th grade student licenses will cost \$5.08 each for a year
- Contact information for ordering licenses for students not in 5th and 8th grades:
 - Project Manager: Byinna Crowder
 - Support Telephone (toll free): 866-691-1231
 - Support Email: utahwriting@measinc.com
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Additional information about the DWA and the online delivery system will be announced on Friday, September 18th, 2009 at the Assessment Directors' Meeting. This information will include:

- Training details
- Implementation timelines
- Program specifics

4. ELP RFP Update

We hope to have information about a vendor by the Sept. 18 meeting.

5. Accuplacer Training (Third Notice)

All high schools are now required to administer a screening test to students prior to registration for concurrent enrollment math and language classes. The Accuplacer test meets this requirement. Training will be held on October 20 at the following locations:

Box Elder: Barbara, 435-734-4800
8-9:30 960 South Main
Boardroom Brigham City, Utah 84302

Salt Lake: Katie Haslam, 801-578-8350
11-12:30 440 East 100 South
Room 116 Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

Juab: Charlene or Diane, 435-623-1940
3-4:30 346 East 600 North
Classroom Nephi, Utah 84648

Thanks,

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