

District Assessment Report – October 2020

To: Ty Mase, Superintendent
and LPSD School Board Members

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NWEA MAP Assessments

- The majority of students have completed the Fall Benchmark Assessment
- District reports will be available when all students have completed the assessment
- Some tests were delayed due to technical issues. Some were related to the readiness of student and teacher devices. Others were due to problems with NWEA system. All issues have been resolved.

Statewide Assessments

The US Department of Education has issued a statement saying that no waivers for assessments will be issued for the 2020-2021 school year. I am moving forward with assessment planning and preparations as usual.

OPT OUT Policy

I'd like to redirect the board's attention to this item and request that it be placed on the agenda sometime in the coming months.

- Based on the attached state statute (HB 156,) parents have the right to refuse to have their student participate in state standardized assessments.
- DEED requests that each district have a policy regarding the process of opting out of assessments.
- Included with this report you will find a draft of the proposed policy and related documentation form
- I request that this policy be reviewed by the school board and considered for adoption after any needed revisions are made

PEAKS and Alaska Science Assessment

- The LPSD PEAKS assessment window is *tentatively* April 12-16. Make-up assessments will take place the following week.

Alaska Developmental Profile (ADP)

- Alaska did not administer the ADP for the 20-21 school year.

Alternative Assessment, Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)

The DLM assessment is administered to select students in place of the PEAKS assessment, based on special education qualifications.

- The test window opens in March. Tests can be administered any time between then and the opening of PEAKS assessments.

NAEP- The National Assessment of Education Progress

NAEP assessments are administered to randomly selected schools throughout the nation and referred to as “The Nation’s Report Card.” Most years, two or three LPSD schools are chosen to participate.

- NAEP has stated that they plan to move forward with assessments for the 2020-2021 School year.
- They will choose schools that have continued in person education, as opposed to distance delivery.