

E-MESSAGE # 13

DATE: MARCH 24, 2021

Dear PASA DLM Assessment Coordinator (AC):

The PA Alternate Assessment Team (PAAT) sent PASA ACs Email No. 11 on February 26th regarding the PA Department of Education's decision to extend state assessment windows for the PSSA, PASA, and Keystone Exams. **The PAAT can confirm that the PASA extended testing window is now March 8th through September 30th.** (NOTE: The Kite system will be closed for test administration on July 29 and 30 due to system updates.) For schools/students that are fully virtual at this time, the extended PASA testing window provides opportunity for students and staff to safely return to school and for assessment administration to occur. If at the end of the testing window, students were unable to be assessed, the PASA AC will enter Special Circumstance Codes identifying the reason for non-participation. Special Circumstance Codes and directions for their use have not yet been disseminated to PASA ACs.

A resource identifying various considerations when assessing students through the extend testing window (i.e., extended school year, start of 21-22 school year) is currently under development. This resource and the Special Circumstance Codes will be emailed to PASA ACs and posted to the PaTTAN PASA and PA DLM websites when available. For questions regarding this email, contact the alternateassessment@pattan.net resource account.

Kindly,

PA Alternate Assessment Team

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