

EMAIL #1
September 9, 2020

Dear PASA Assessment Coordinators,

We hope your school year is off to a great start! The purpose of this email is to provide important information regarding Pennsylvania's new alternate assessment system and ensure contact information is updated for future communications during this transition period. The PA Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education (BSE) announces Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM®) Alternate Assessment System Consortium will serve as the PASA vendor for the 2020-21 testing cycle. For the 2020-21 school year, all PASA enrollment and test administration functions will be completed / provided through the DLM PA website. BSE will issue a Penn Link notification to outline all training requirements and registration details associated with the new assessment this year. Additionally, a **2020-21 PASA Training and Important Dates Calendar** can be accessed here: [PASA Training and Important Dates](#).

The PASA Digital system (www.pasaassessment.org) will be phased out during this school year. PASA Assessment Coordinators (ACs) will have access to historical data such as previous score reports and the 2019-20 enrollment files for purposes of reference until February of 2021. In addition, some data from previous years will be available for download to assist in transitioning data to the new DLM system.

BSE is currently working to transition information to the new DLM system, where all enrollment and test administration will occur this year. It is important that PASA AC names and contact information in the PASA digital system are current and accurate in order for the appropriate personnel to receive important updates and notifications moving forward. Please follow the steps below to ensure your LEA receives PASA related correspondences as we transition to the new assessment system this year:

- You are receiving this email because you are currently listed as the PASA AC in the PASA digital system. If someone else will be serving in this role for the 2020-21 school year, please send an email to alternateassessment@pattan.net with the correct individual's name, email address, name of district/school, and role. **Please provide updated PASA AC information as soon as possible to ensure that upcoming AC communications are received in a timely manner.**
- BSE will work with the new DLM assessment vendor to create a list serv of PASA ACs. As we transition to the new assessment and vendor, the role of the PASA AC will be referred to as a 'District Test Coordinator' or DTC. This is merely a terminology change, as the role and responsibilities will remain very similar.
- Check with your technology department to ensure you are able to receive emails from Kite-support@ku.edu. All DTCs will soon receive an email from the KITE system, which is part of the DLM data management system. This email will allow you to activate your DTC account within the DLM system. A notification will be sent from this list notifying you that your activation email has been sent. Further instructions will be included in that notification if you have difficulty locating or accessing the activation email.

Additional notifications may be sent through this distribution list as Pennsylvania transitions to the new PASA assessment and vendor. Thank you in advance for your attention to these initial action items.