TEXAS Education Agency Updates

Good afternoon, Performance Reporting bulletin members.

Welcome to this week's update.

Have a coworker who needs to sign up? Bulletin subscriptions can be managed on TEA's website at <u>https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/TXTEA/subscriber/new</u>.

What's New in Performance Reporting

Academic Accountability

Single-Campus District Ratings

House Bill 22 requires that districts receive an A-F rating and campuses receive a Met Standard or Improvement Required rating in 2018; therefore, for 2018, single-campus districts received either a Met Standard or Improvement Required rating to align with the campus rating. See page 4 in Chapter 1 of the <u>2018 Accountability Manual</u> for more information.

These districts are free to share their scaled scores and inform their communities of this nuance and the letter grade they would have received had it been assigned. By January 1, 2019, the agency will release a "what if" report showing the letter grades campuses and single-campus districts would have received for 2018. Again, these districts may share this information beforehand if they wish.

Upcoming Releases

The full 2018 accountability data downloads are now available in the <u>Texas Education Agency Secure Environment</u> (<u>TEASE</u>) Accountability application and will be published on the TEA website by August 30. In addition to the accountability summary data, this data download provides all data included in the 2018 accountability data tables in an Excel, comma-delimited, or tab-delimited format.

Additionally, the Accountability Ratings Domain Data Overview Report and the Distinction Designation Data Overview Report are scheduled to be posted by August 30. These tools allow users to sort by indicator to determine how a campus performed in relation to other campuses in its campus comparison group.

For questions about the 2018 accountability system, please contact Performance Reporting at <u>performance.reporting@tea.texas.gov</u> or (512) 463-9704.

Assessment Scoring and Reporting

The <u>Student Portal</u> has been updated with all spring results, including the June retest administrations and the optional May 2018 Algebra II and English III administration. Parents can access their child's STAAR or STAAR Alternate 2 results using a unique access code, which can be found at the bottom of their child's STAAR Report Card. Additionally, parents can view their child's performance relative to the campus, district, and state.

The raw score to scale score conversion tables were posted <u>here</u>.

For questions or help with accessing and interpreting assessment results, districts and parents can email <u>assessment.reporting@tea.texas.gov</u>or call (512) 463-9704.

Local Accountability Systems

Local Accountability System (LAS) staff are refining the process for plan submission and evaluation based on district input and guidance from Commissioner Morath. The final LAS Submission Form and Evaluation Protocol were shared with pilot districts in mid-July. TEA and American Institutes for Research staff will continue to engage in individual meetings with districts to provide feedback on plan refinement during the summer. Additional updates will be provided in the weekly bulletin in August after LAS Plans have been submitted.

Please submit comments about the local accountability system pilot program to <u>feedbackLAS@tea.texas.gov</u>.

Please direct questions about local accountability systems or the pilot program to Performance Reporting at <u>performance.reporting@tea.texas.gov</u> or (512) 463-9704.

This Week's FAQ

Where is the data that was used for distinction designations? Our campus always excels in this area and we did not earn the distinction.

Page 8 of the campus' Distinction Designation Report provides all data used to determine whether the campus is awarded distinction designations. Indicator scores, numerators and denominators, quartile one minimum scores, and quartile outcomes are all shown on the report. Using this data and Appendix H of the <u>2018 Accountability Manual</u>, districts can determine why they did not earn a distinction designation. Once released, districts can also use the Distinction Designation Data Overview Report to view the performance of all the campuses in the campus comparison group.

To view more 2018 accountability FAQs, please visit <u>https://tea.texas.gov/perfreport/resources/index.html</u>.

Additionally, the 2018 Accountability Administrator's Guide, which is intended to provide relevant information about this year's accountability system to school district and open-enrollment charter school administrators, is now available at https://tea.texas.gov/2018Accountability.aspx.

Employment Opportunities in Performance Reporting

The Performance Reporting Department is looking for people to join our team. Interested and qualified candidates can apply for these positions at http://agency.governmentjobs.com/tea/default.cfm.

Web Administrator IV

The person chosen to fill <u>this position</u> will be responsible for supporting schools and improving student outcomes through web design and development work. Critical duties involve coordinating web environment design, deployment, development, and maintenance activities.

Programmer IV

The person chosen to fill <u>this position</u> will perform highly complex SAS computer programming work, data analysis, and project management to support the annual planning, design, development, implementation, and maintenance of the Performance-Based Monitoring Analysis System (PBMAS) and the PBM Data Validation System.

Programmer III/Data Analyst

The person chosen to fill <u>this position</u> will perform complex computer programming work, along with research and analysis in support of the statewide standard accountability system and the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR). Critical duties include building annual datasets and conducting data quality checks and reviews of products on paper and on the division's website.

Performance Reporting Calendar

August 23—Full unmasked 2018 accountability data downloads were released (TEASE)

By August 30—Full masked 2018 accountability data downloads are released (public website)

By August 30—Distinction Designation Data Overview Report and Accountability Ratings Data Overview Report are released (public website)

September 14—2018 appeals window closes

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