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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Superintendents, Charter School Administrators, District Test Coordinators

**FROM:** Gwen Perea Warniment, PhD, Deputy Secretary of Teaching, Learning, and Assessment 

**RE:** **2019–20 Assessment Communication Resources and Start of the Year Support**

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**Student Success Task Force Update**

Over the last six months, in response to Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham's call to transition away from the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC), the PED conducted statewide community feedback and engaged the Student Success Task Force (SSTF). The work of the SSTF has been highlighted in a short [video](#) and a one-page accounting of their recommendations is provided here. The full task force report will be made available this fall.

**Communication Resources**

The PED has created additional resources to assist your schools and communities better understand the federal and state testing requirements as well as the changes to state assessments for the 2019–20 school year. These resources include:

- federal and state testing requirements
- 2019–20 assessments changes for educators
- state summative assessment information for parents
- a series of [Fact Sheets](#) for each state assessment program

Please use these as helpful communications tools, as you start the school year. As you are aware, PED is currently undergoing a procurement to start transitioning away from PARCC. We are on track and anticipate being able to provide information and additional resources regarding the selection of our high school grade 11 exam near the end of this month.

### **Start of the Year Assessment Webinars for School Leaders**

In addition to the communications documents, the PED Assessment Bureau will host three repeat webinars for school administrators and district test coordinators to provide an overview of the assessment changes occurring this year and to answer any questions district leaders may have. Registrations links and times are provided below.

September 16, 7:30AM

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/976a3f6c58337c567c24e00bf0acd2b8>

September 17, 4:00PM

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/abf9d15cd2ba287dd746f627e8486654>

September 18, 4:00PM

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/22e0addb698d7c98cde7dc3c8da9331e>

Enc. (2)      Task Force Recommendations One-Pager  
                  Communications Resources PDF

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