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MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents, Charter School Administrators, Special Education Directors, District Test Coordinators

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

RE: **2019-20 Math and Language Arts Assessments for Grades 3-8 and 10-11**

The Public Education Department (PED) has signed a multi-year contract with Cognia to provide the mathematics and English language arts (ELA) assessments for grades 3-8 and 10. This contract is the result of a PED Request for Proposals (RfP) # 90-924-18-24665, issued in June, 2019. With the execution of the Cognia and College Board contracts, the procurement process for this RfP is now complete.

With both contracts now in place, the following summative assessments will be administered in Spring 2020, which fulfills the Governor's Executive Order 2019-001 to transition away from the PARCC assessments:

- Students in grades 3-8 will participate in the New Mexico Measures of Student Success and Achievement (NM-MSSA) math and ELA assessment on the Cognia iTester platform.
- Students in grade 10 will participate in the PSAT on the College Board platform
- Students in grade 11 will participate in the SAT with Essay, both on the College Board platform.

Under the terms of the contract, the PED may acquire additional elements to expand the statewide assessment system in future years.

Cognia, formerly known as Measured Progress and AdvancED Education, is the current vendor for the New Mexico Assessment of Science Readiness (NM-ASR) and the SBA Spanish Reading test. Therefore, the Cognia testing platform, iTester, is already familiar to test coordinators, teachers, and students throughout the state.

Cognia trainers will participate along with College Board in the previously announced SAT regional trainings from November 4 to 22, 2019, with College Board training in the morning and Cognia training in the afternoon. Training dates and locations are listed on the attached flyer. Districts Test Coordinators are encouraged to include school test coordinators, technology coordinators, and special education leads during these trainings.

Enc. November 2019 Training Agenda, Dates, and Locations

cc: Ryan Stewart, EdLD, Secretary Designate
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