



ASSESSMENT BUREAU NEWSLETTER

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Istation Application Update

A necessary update was released on the afternoon of **Friday, February 5, 2021**, and may require action on your part.

Districts and campuses that allow apps to automatically update and do not “lock down” or “freeze” installations will not need to take action. The app will update automatically.

- If home devices are managed remotely by the school or district, then the school or district will handle this update for those devices.
- Parents who do not have automatic updates enabled for their device will need to navigate to the device’s application store (e.g., Apple App Store, Google Play Store, Chrome Web Store) to download the latest version. Information for parents is available at this page to [learn more](#).
- If you have any questions about this update, please email anytime at support@istation.com



Upcoming Deadline

As a reminder, DTCs need to complete the *PED’s Flexible Testing Options Survey* by February 15, 2021. The link to the survey is on page 4 of the [Flexible Guidance and Considerations](#) document.

ACCESS for ELLs Materials Arriving in Districts

Please be aware that materials for *ACCESS for ELLs* testing will be arriving in schools the week of **February 9, 2021**. This shipment was pre-established based on PED provided roster files provided to DRC prior to PED’s announcement of the flexible testing option. This shipment will include all manuals and test materials necessary for administration based on that PED roster file.

- If your LEA **has decided** to administer the ACCESS under the flexible testing allowance, these materials can be used for test administration.
 - Please accept UPS Delivery of all boxes for assessment purposes.
- If your LEA **has not made** a decision to administer or not administer:
 - Please accept UPS Delivery of all boxes and hold until a local decision is made to test or not test.
 - If testing does not occur, use return label provided in boxes.
 - If testing does occur, follow all directions within Test Coordinator Manual for packaging and returning materials to DRC.
- If your LEA has **decided not to** administer the ACCESS under the flexible testing allowance, the vendor is suggesting that LEAs do the following:
 - Deny UPS delivery of all boxes, and everything will be returned and never be in the hands of the LEA.

Assessment Playbook

ElevateNM is hosting two additional professional learning sessions led by Dr. Doug Fisher, author of the Assessment Playbook. He was featured in January at the Assessment for Learning Conference, and several school leaders and teachers requested his return. Dr. Fisher will present **February 26** and **March 4, 2021**, both sessions from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM. Please distribute [this save-the-date flier, which includes registration links](#).

SAT Administration Training Next Week

College Board will be offering a Digital SAT Administration training next **Tuesday, February 16, 2021** from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. [Register for the event here](#). The webinar will be recorded and posted on the [SAT page](#) of the PED website. As a reminder, SAT materials are arriving in district. PED will address all questions at training, including questions related to materials received.

Winter DTC Training Archives

Recordings for all sessions, as well as their respective supporting materials, are now posted on the schedule pages in the [Canvas DTC Training course](#) (Canvas login required). Please take a few minutes to answer the [brief post-training survey](#). Certificates of attendance will be distributed by next Tuesday.