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**MEMORANDUM:**

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

**FROM:** Kurt Steinhaus, Ed.D., Secretary of Education

**RE: Update About Spring 2022 MSSA Assessment Data**

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This is a quick update about the Spring 2022 assessment data you have already received from the assessment vendors. As a reminder, these data *must remain embargoed until further notice*.

To support the upcoming rollout of these assessment results, PED staff will be sending resources to help your staff in their communications with families and educators to include: 1) how to interpret the data, 2) where to go with questions, and 3) how to use this information to inform teaching and learning.

We will also announce virtual Town Halls hosted by the Public Education Department to answer questions about the data and help families understand how these data will set a new baseline for New Mexico schools and empower families in supporting their children's educational success.

We look forward to continuing to partner with you in using results from the balanced assessment system to serve students and improve outcomes.

To prepare for the upcoming town halls, I encourage you to submit questions in advance to [PED.Assessment@state.nm.us](mailto:PED.Assessment@state.nm.us). For questions regarding this memorandum or the current [2022-23 Assessment Schedule](#), contact Lynn Vásquez at [lynn.Vasquez@state.nm.us](mailto:lynn.Vasquez@state.nm.us)