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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Test Coordinators

FROM: Lynn Vásquez, Director of Assessment and Learning Management System
Matthew P. Goodlaw, Director of Research, Evaluation, and Accountability

RE: Revised Spring 2022 Participation Rates

In previous years, districts and charters submitted an accountability snapshot during the last two weeks of April, which gave the PED a relatively accurate snapshot of student campus enrollment during the testing window.

In order to be as inclusive as possible, the PED's Research, Evaluation, and Accountability (REA) team included all four STARS submission snapshots to identify the totality of enrolled students and to compute participation rates. Based on feedback and recent discussions with district and charter administrators, the PED has determined the four-snapshot approach is too broad because it includes students who are no longer enrolled.

To get the tightest enrollment counts possible, the PED has revised its participation calculation method to include only student enrollment captured at both 120-day and end-of-year (EOY) snapshots in STARS. District Testing Coordinators (DTCs) have access to the revised 120+EOY file in the Canvas DTC workspace. The assessment monitoring letters are rescinded for LEAs that meet the minimum 95% participation rate in all content areas.

For questions about this revision, contact Matthew.Goodlaw@ped.nm.gov, Director of REA or Lynn.Vasquez@ped.nm.gov, Director of Assessment.

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