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SY 2016 - 2017 BPS Formative Assessment Update

Boston Public Schools is pleased to announce its new formative assessment partnership with Measured Progress and Illuminate Education. Over the last several months, the BPS Office of Data and Accountability and Office of Academics and Professional Learning have been working diligently with the BPS community to determine the needs of the district and finalize new assessment resources.

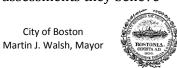
In order to provide educators and students with access to the highest-quality test items, the district has contracted with <u>Measured Progress</u> to provide rigorous, standards-aligned content. Users will access all testing and reporting, including Measured Progress items, via the <u>Illuminate</u> platform. The new joint partnership will deliver three interim assessments in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics in grades 3-12, as well as the ability to create custom assessments.

Measured Progress has been developing high-quality items and assessments for over 30 years, including the development and design of Massachusetts' MCAS program, PARCC, and Smarter Balanced assessments. With a "quality-over-quantity" approach, the Measured Progress content is developed by the same experts behind the Next Generation MCAS and PARCC assessments. Schools will have access to more than 10,000 ELA and Mathematics items for students in grades 3-12, including performance assessment tasks and technology-enhanced items.

Along with the content bank, schools will have the option of administering three interim assessments in ELA and Math. Interims will be administered online in consideration that the Next Generation MCAS is designed to be taken on a computer and the expectation that MCAS be fully administered statewide via computer-based testing in 2019. Each interim will be aligned to BPS scope and sequence documents. Teachers may use the item bank to create custom assessments for a broad range of skills or for a particular cluster or standard.

All content will be accessible through the easy-to-use online Illuminate Education platform. This includes the interim assessments, formative content bank, assessment creation tools, automatic and custom data reports, and parent and student portals. Illuminate works with over 1,500 districts and maintains a 99% client retention rate. Illuminate also offers the option for custom reporting for other assessment data, including the Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark Assessment System (BAS), PALS, EVT, and others. Grading for machine-scored items may be done through a scanner or using a computer webcam, with data reports generating instantly. Another customizable feature of the platform is the ability to model Next Generation MCAS accessibility features.

As stated in the <u>16/17 Preliminary Assessment Calendar</u>, Superintendent Chang and his Senior Leadership have decided to put a pause on mandating a single set of interim assessments that all or specific groups of schools will administer. Instead, each school will need to identify what formative assessments they believe



will best support their instructional goals in SY 2016-17. Schools will be required to administer and use common formative assessments at each grade level (in English Language Arts and Mathematics) in their schools for students in grades 3–12. Each school's assessment plan should enable staff to understand and analyze student learning, provide feedback to students, and adjust instruction accordingly. Details on professional development for implementing the new formative assessment system will be communicated shortly in preparation for the first interim assessment window.

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2016-2017 BPS Assessment Calendar FOR GRADES K-2

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Sept 19 - Oct 21	PALS (K1)									
Sept 19 - Oct 21	LAP-D (K0-K2 students new to BPS)									
	November 2016									
Oct 31 - Nov 18 EVT (K0-K2)										
	January 2017									
Jan 5 - Feb 8	ACCESS for ELLs (K-12)									
	February / March 2017									
Jan 23 - March 3	DIBELS (K-2)									
	May / June 2017									
May 8 - June 9	DIBELS (K-2)									
May 8 - June 9	PALS (K1)									
May 8 - June 9	EVT (K0-K2)									

More information on Early Childhood assessments can be found here: http://bpsearlychildhood.weebly.com/progress--assessment.html

PALS

No School

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2016-2017 BPS Assessment Calendar FOR GRADES 3-8

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2016-2017 BPS Assessment Calendar FOR GRADES 9-12

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