
Fwd: [stc_elem] OSAS testing update

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Hello,
Just in case you didn't see this. I noticed this one didn't include admin.

Do you want me to send out an email to staff? I'd rather wait until next week. I know this week is crazy and maybe we'll have a little more info.

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Good afternoon,

Today ODE received a formal response from the U.S. Dept. of Ed. to their state testing waiver request, informing us that we will be required to test in some capacity.

How this actually looks could change on a number of fronts. Based on negotiations with other states, possibilities include:

- Postponing testing until next fall (and then of course having to test again in the spring)
- Staggered testing by grade and subject, e.g. 3rd grade tests in Math, 4th in English, etc.

There seems to be a general consensus among Oregon educators that state testing should not happen this year, given the inevitably high opt-out rate, the limited instruction time, and the reduction of the tests to only the multiple choice components (making comparisons to other years even more problematic). Now that we know we will have to test in some capacity at some point between now and next fall, though, I have the feeling there will be different opinions about what to push for during the next phase of negotiations between the state and the Dept. of Ed. It's not clear how that decision-making will happen or under what timeline (though it better be fast if they expect us to test this spring!)

ODE has updated their electronically fillable opt-out forms, which are on the 4J website. Another formal communication will come from the district to families after the instructional cabinet has met to discuss this and other items unique to testing this year, such as:

- Using licensed or classified staff as proctors
- Proctor training: most likely we'll use a PowerPoint with ODE voice-over and then live Q&A sessions (1 hour total training)
- Timing for students in hybrid (on-site or off-site days?), timing for students online (SSO, EOA)
- Accommodations: any changes made by ODE, or changes in how we enter accommodations (typically a cumbersome process)
- opt-out form logistics: normally it would go from families to schools and office staff enter them in Synergy and let teachers and proctors know. Should the process change this year?

Don't hesitate to contact me with questions and concerns. And I want to reiterate that as soon as the details have been ironed out, Krista Hocker and I will be working closely with you to make sure this all goes as smoothly as possible.

thanks,
Seth

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