



September 1, 2010

Welcome back to school!

As we begin the 2010-2011 school year, I want to provide you with an update regarding alternate assessment.

Last year, we conducted an external alignment study to verify that the Alternate Grade Level Expectations (AGLEs) were aligned to the Grade Level Expectations (GLEs) for NECAP. This work did find some areas that needed to have stronger alignment. After revising the AGLE document, we were able to verify that those changes aligned the AGLEs to the GLEs.

Just prior to school releasing in June we sent notification via the ListServe that we had posted a survey to get feedback on the 2009-2010 PAAP Administration. For those that have not had the opportunity to complete the survey, we ask that you take a few moments to do so. This survey will close on September 10th. You can find it at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/paap2010survey>.

At the end of June many of you participated in the standard setting process to help to determine where the cut scores for our achievement levels should be. For more information about the cut scores, please go to: <http://www.maine.gov/education/lsalt/paap/resources/index.htm>

After the alignment work and the standard setting process, the Commissioner adopted the revised Alternate Grade Level Expectations and the cut scores. Please see the letter of memorandum found at: <http://www.maine.gov/education/lsalt/paap/updates/index.htm>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

Student Report Interpretation Webinar: September 20th, 3-4pm)

We ask that you register for this session by emailing Sue Fossett (susan.fossett@maine.gov). Be sure to include your name and school in the email. If you are participating as a group (which is highly encourage for schools that have multiple participants) please send only one email with the list of folks participating. Space is limited for this session, so schools will only be granted one connection unless there are extraordinary circumstances. The session will also be recorded and posted to the PAAP Website the following afternoon. A confirmation email will be sent with the directions to participate.

Fall Trainings:

| Location | Introduction to PAAP (Full Day) | PAAP Updates* (1/2 Day session) |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Presque Isle- Hampton Inn | October 25 | October 26 (2 session available) |
| Bangor-Hilton Garden Inn | October 27 | October 28 (2 session available) |
| Augusta- Calumet Club | October 29 | November 1 (2 session available) |
| Saco-Ramada Inn | November 3 | November 4 (2 session available) |
| Webinar | Not available at this time | November 8- (3-5 pm) |

*The 'PAAP Updates' trainings are half-day sessions that do not include lunch. When registering for a session you will either choose a morning ***or*** an afternoon session.

More information will be sent in the coming weeks.