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Good day Maine Superintendents and District Assessment Coordinators,

Based on observations and feedback from educators and administrators from multiple Maine SAUs, Maine DOE has requested that NWEA complete additional data validation analyses before the release of finalized Spring 2024 Maine Through Year Assessment student score data. At the same time, Maine DOE is analyzing student RIT score data from fall and spring of academic years 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24 to look at long-term trends in achievement and growth.

Please note that although student results data were available within 72 hours in the Acacia platform, assessment results are not considered final until after data validation processes. This is consistent with previous administrations of the Maine Through Year Assessment. Data is considered finalized when Student Score Data Files (SSDFs) become available in the Acacia platform under Operational Reports. While we expect no changes to student results data during the validation process, changes remain possible until validation is complete.

The release of the Spring 2024 Maine Through Year Assessment Student Score Data Files and Individual Student Reports (ISRs) will be delayed. **Initially expected on July 15, we now anticipate having SSDFs available in Acacia during the second week of August. Individual Student Reports will become available in Acacia approximately two weeks after the SSDFs.**

Once available, Maine DOE will share an overview of the data analyses completed by NWEA as well as the results of our review of long-term trends in achievement and growth based on RIT scores. This information will be shared with District Assessment Coordinators via email as well as posted on our Maine Through Year Assessment webpage:

https://www.maine.gov/doe/Testing_Accountability/MECAS/NWEA

We appreciate your patience as we work to ensure the provision of assessments of the highest quality that provide valid, actionable information for educators across the State of Maine. If you have any questions, please contact the Maine DOE Assessment Coordinator for the Maine Through Year Assessment, Krista Averill, at Krista.Averill@maine.gov or (207) 215-6528.

Sincerely,

Krista