

New Mexico Assessment & Accountability Conference September 9, 2024 Agenda

Day 1 – Monday, September 9, 2024		
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7:15-8:15 AM	Registration/Breakfast Buffet – Provided for Registered Conference Attendees	Grand Ballrooms A & B
8:15-9:00 AM	Welcome Remarks Lynn Vásquez - Division Director, Assessment, Research, Evaluation, and Accountability (AREA), New Mexico Public Education Department	Grand Ballrooms A & B
	Keynote Speaker: Is Your Assessment Instrumentally Useful? How Do You Know? Scott Marion, PhD - Executive Director, Center for Assessment Many assessments are promoted as being useful for informing instruction. Unfortunately, this term is often used without clearly describing the characteristics of the assessment or evidence to support such claims. This session, based on our recently published book, Understanding Instructionally Useful Assessment, provides an overview and many examples of the features of assessments that can help support instructional insights. This presentation is designed to support educators and leaders in learning how to design and select assessments that can best support learning and teaching. Target Audience: All Participants	
	Omran Akasha, PhD and Neil Tulabing - New Mexico Public Education Department This session is highly recommended for new DTCs. It will highlight general information regarding the various assessment platforms. Target Audience: DTCs, School Leaders	Seminar Room
9:10-10:05 AM Day 1 - Session 1 (Continues on Page 2)	Istation Virginia Avina and Sonya Solock - Istation Istation and NMPED: Two Teams. One Mission. Join us as we discuss Istation's best practices for DTCs and campus leaders to ensure fidelity and successful implementation. We will review key reports and introduce our new Growth Pathways Report and other new and exciting Istation features! Student success starts with you! Target Audience: DTCs, School Leaders	Bosque Room
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	All the Tools of the Trade: Universal Gifted Screening Christopher Vian - New Mexico Public Education Department The session will look at how to select specific universal screening tools to meet the specific needs of a district or charter. We will then look at best practices for when to give the universal screener and how to use the data from the screener to make determinations regarding who to move forward with full gifted evaluation. Participants will walk away with an understanding of the nuances of universal screening and the knowledge for implementing a successful gifted universal screening process in their district or at their charter. Target Audience: DTCs, Data Specialists, School Leaders	Seminar Room
10:15-11:10 AM Day 1 - Session 2	Data and the NM School DASH - The Power of Planning Connie Longley Copeland - Regional School Improvement Specialist, PSB K. Celeste Murray - School Improvement Specialist, PSB Elisabeth Nixon Peterson - Director, Priority Schools This session will provide participants with an overview to the updates in the NM School DASH and the importance of Component 2: Set Student Achievement Goals, Component 3: Conduct Data Analysis and Identify THE Performance Challenge, and Component 4: Conduct Root Cause Analysis and Select Focus Areas in school strategic planning. Target Audience: Curriculum Specialists, Data Specialists	Bosque Room
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	Using Data to Engage Families in Educational Partnerships Hope Morales and Aja Currey - Teach Plus New Mexico Our presentation will highlight strategies and resources to implement data-driven communication that emphasizes achievements and addresses areas of concern. By using user-friendly platforms, accurate and timely reporting, and clear educational targets, stakeholders can foster collaboration with families to positively impact student learning. Target Audience: Data Specialists, School Leaders	Bosque Room
	PSAT/NMSQT and AP Overview Kimberly Bostwick - College Board This session will provide an overview of PSAT/NMSQT and AP Ordering and Registration processes and AP Course Planning. Target Audience: DTCs, School Leaders	Manzano Room
1:30-2:25 PM Day 1 - Session 4	Connecting the NM Balanced Assessment System to Classroom Instructional Practices Greg Howell and Sarah Parker - Cognia Effective assessment practices are essential in the instructional process. New Mexico has transitioned to a more balanced statewide assessment system where educators no longer rely on a single data point. New Mexico educators should use multiple measures to determine where students are in respect to their grade level knowledge and skills. In this session, we will review the basics of the New Mexico Balanced Assessment System as well as explore practical ways of putting every student at the center of the learning experience through high quality Formative and Interim Assessment Practices. Target Audience: DTCs, Data Specialists, School Leaders, K-12 Curriculum Specialists	Rio Grande Room
	The Early Development Instrument (EDI), New Mexico's new statewide, population measure of child well-being and school readiness Lisa Stanley and Leila Espinosa - University of California, Los Angeles The Public Education Department (PED), in partnership with the Early Childhood Education and Care Department (ECECD), engaged in a new partnership in 2024 with the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), Center for Healthier Children Families and Communities to administer the Early Development Instrument (EDI), a new statewide, population level measure of child well-being and school readiness. The EDI meets the Kindergarten entry assessment required by the NMAC 6.30.5.12. Data collection took place in April/May 2024 through an online portal administered and managed by UCLA. This presentation will review lessons learned from the implementation process and provide preliminary results for the state in the five developmental domains measured by the EDI: (Physical Health and Well-being; Social Competence; Emotional Maturity; Language and Cognitive Development; Communication Skills and General Knowledge). Presenters will also share strategies on how PED in partnership with ECECD, districts/charters and community coalitions will use EDI maps to show the geographic inequities in children's well-being to engage local stakeholders in collective actions to improve conditions before children arrive to Kindergarten and to support children as they progress through the school years. Target Audience: DTCs, Data Specialists, School Leaders, K-12 Curriculum Specialists	Sunrise Room

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	Leveraging the New Graduation Requirements: Community -Connected Learning through Graduate Profiles and Capstone Projects Lisa Harmon-Martinez and Keila Dominguez - Future Focused Education In this session, participants will learn more about the new assessment opportunities offered through community-defined Graduate Profiles and community-connected Capstone Projects. This session will explore how to align Graduate Profiles to the Next Step Plan and newly established graduation requirements. Participants will leave with resources to create their Graduate Profiles and how to leverage Capstone Projects as an opportunity to integrate Work-Based Learning, CTE pathways, the State Seal of Biliteracy, and the IEP process for graduation. Target Audience: DTCs, Data Specialists, School Leaders, K-12 Curriculum Specialists	Seminar Room
	Interim Assessments for English Language Arts Jocelyne Driscoll-Gillespie and Windey McKelvie - Cloudcroft Municipal Schools We will present how we use the SAT Suite of Assessments to build solid, effective interim assessments. Target Audience: School Leaders, K-12 Curriculum Specialists	Bosque Room
2:40-3:30 PM Day 1 - Session 5	NAEP: National Assessment of Educational Progress Neil Tulabing - New Mexico Public Education Department This session will provide an overview of the NAEP and other international assessments. Target Audience: DTCs, School Leaders	Manzano Room
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	Tips for Test Coordinators April Shay - Alamogordo High School In this session, you will receive information regarding ways to make your testing days as smooth as possible. Target Audience: DTCs, School Leaders	Sunrise Room

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	Keynote Speaker: Focusing on Student Learning Presenter - Damian Betebenner, Senior Associate - Center for Assessment This session will provide an introduction to Student Growth Percentiles and their use in New Mexico Target Audience: All Participants	Grand Ballrooms A & B

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	SAT School Day Implementation Overview	
	Terrence Ingram - College Board	
	This session will provide an overview of SAT School Day implementation and	Seminar Room
	administration for SY2024-25.	
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	Using Assessments to Design Interventions for Nearing Proficient Students	
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9:10-10:05 AM	Mandie Bechard and Jason Turner - MetaMetrics	
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	practical application of its measures for students, educators, and families. Attendees	
	will gain valuable insights into where to locate the measures, how to use them to track	
	growth/progress toward college and career readiness, and how to effectively utilize the	Manzano Rooi
	measures to drive informed classroom instruction. Participants will learn to navigate the	
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	demonstrate how to incorporate the Lexile Hub tools and resources to enrich teaching	
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	Annual Data & Score Report for Avant STAMP in State-Funded BMEPs	
	Bonnie Buck and Victor Santos - Avant Assessment	
	This report will present the annual averages of data aggregated from test takers in	
	state-funded Bilingual Multicultural Education Programs (BMEP) who completed the	
	STAMP Spanish language proficiency assessment. This data can be used to give	Sunrise Room
	basic points of comparison as you compare these levels to the levels of students in	
	your testing groups and will serve to help establish meaningful expectations of	
	proficiency after an established number of years of instruction or grade levels.	
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	Dyslexia Screeners, Protocols and Data	
	Christine Quesada and Angelica Palma - New Mexico Public Education Department	
	In this session, we will review the purpose of screening for characteristics of dyslexia	
	and other reading struggles. We will also review the screeners and protocols available to	Camainan Daana
	teachers to screen first grade students in New Mexico, and discuss how teachers can	Seminar Room
	use the data to inform interventions for students who score in the Some-risk and At-risk	
	range. We will also review the state reporting requirements for the screener data.	
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	District Test Coordinator Training for the Statewide Rollout of Parent Survey (CHEQ)	
	Lisa Stanley, Kristine Alosco, and Tyler Cole - University of California, Los Angeles	
	This session provides training to local districts/charters regarding their role in supporting the	
	new statewide parent/caregiver survey being rolled out this fall called the Childhood	
	Experiences Questionnaire (CHEQ). The CHEQ survey is completed online by parents and	
	caregivers of kindergarten students. It gathers information on children's experiences prior to	
	kindergarten that are important to their healthy development and well-being. The CHEQ will	
	be introduced to parents this October and November by kindergarten teachers during parent	
	teacher conferences and the survey window will close in mid-December. The CHEQ effort	Rio Grande
	represents a partnership between the Public Education Department (PED), and the Early	Room
	Childhood Education and Care Department (ECECD) with technical support from UCLA's	
	Center for Healthier Children, Families and Communities. The CHEQ adds important	
	contextual information from parents to the state's effort to monitor population level well-	
	being that was begun last school year with the teacher-reported Early Development	
	Instrument (EDI). CHEQ and EDI, used together, are designed to help teachers, school	
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	Into the Weeds of Proficiency and Participation Data David Winjum, PhD – Accountability, New Mexico Public Education Department Assessment participation and proficiency are the topics about which the accountability team gets asked the most and the trickiest questions by school and district leaders. This session will cover AREA's participation and proficiency business rules, using examples and explaining exceptional cases. It is also an opportunity for schools to give feedback down to the small details. Target Audience: Data Specialists	Bosque Room
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