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To: District Superintendents, Principals, District Test Coordinators, Special Education Directors

From: Rob Bauer, Assessment Director

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RE: Scheduling for the Spring 2019 North Dakota State Assessment (NDSA)

The test window for the NDSA in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics is **March 18 – May 10, 2019**. It is a state and federal requirement to administer either the NDSA or the NDAA to all qualifying enrolled students in grades 3 – 8 and 10. Note: Students may be exempted from grade 10 NDSA if a district is using ACT results for accountability.

The NDSA for ELA and Math will be administered this year as three separate tests. The three tests are referenced as:

1. Mathematics
2. Reading
3. Writing

If either the reading or writing test is not administered to an enrolled student, no ELA score will be calculated, and the student will be considered a non-participant in ELA. Likewise, if the mathematics test is not administered to an enrolled student, no math score will be calculated, and the student will be considered a non-participant in math.

Scheduling for student testing should take into consideration the three separate tests and the allocation of time for each test. A table of estimated testing times is shown below and on the NDSA portal for scheduling purposes. Note that all students may not be able to complete a test during an allocated test session. However, these students can continue where they left off in another scheduled test session. The NDSA is not a timed assessment, and **all students should be allotted enough time during the test window to complete all three tests.**

Proposed Testing Times

Mathematics

Grade	85 th Percentile (in minutes)
3	135
4	140
5	155
6	155
7	145
8	135
10	135

Reading

Grade	85 th Percentile (in minutes)
3	150
4	120
5	130
6	125
7	125
8	105
10	90

Writing

Grade	85 th Percentile (in minutes)
3	90
4	90
5	90
6	90
7	90
8	90
10	90

*These are recommendations and should only be used as a guide to plan testing sessions. The 85th percentile is an estimated percent of students that will complete the test in the time given.

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