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Subject: Spring 2010 Participation Rate Data Collection

Under the Elementary and Secondary Education (ESEA) Act, schools and districts are required to demonstrate that 95% of all students and subgroups participate in student assessments. Additionally, regulation 4 AAC 06.805 (g) states: "a district shall report to the state the enrollment of all students as of the first day of the administration of the state assessments."

The first day of statewide spring testing for students in grades 3-9 is Monday, April 5, 2010. The first day of testing for students taking the Grade10 SBA-HSGQE and the HSGQE Retest is Tuesday, April 6, 2010. The participation rate file is based on enrollment of April 6, 2010.

Each school district must create an electronic Participation Rate data file in a format similar to that of the Fall OASIS Data Collection Report. **Beginning this year submission of this data is only allowed through the State Report Manager (SRM).**

A copy of the NCLB Participation Rate Handbook is attached for your convenience. Please note that there have been only minor changes made to the 2009 version.

- Reordering of subject content areas for IEP/504 accommodations.
- Added appendices F and G to assist in new SRM submission.
- Rewording of text throughout handbook to assist in clarification of purpose.

The completed Participation Rate file is due to the department on Tuesday, **April 28, 2008.**

The following audio conference trainings have been set up to train and assist districts with this data submission:

When - March 12, 2010 at 3:30
Call in - 800-315-6338
Pass code - 8418

When - March 16, 2010 at 3:30
Call in - 800-315-6338
Pass code - 8418

If you have any question regarding the Participation Rate data collection please contact May Palomo at may.palomo@alaska.gov or Peggy Corazza at peggy.corazza@alaska.gov.

Attachment: Participation Rate Data Handbook