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DEED Announces Timeline for Release of Statewide Assessment Results

JUNEAU – DEED staff released the 2017 spring assessment results timeline to superintendents at the annual Alaska Superintendents Association Summer Fly-In event on July 31 in Juneau. The Performance Evaluation for Alaska’s Schools (PEAKS) and Alaska Science Assessment results were made available to school districts on August 3 in advance of the September 1 public release date.

Below is a timeline of events related to the release of results:

August 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports and data file available to districts • Printed student reports mailed to districts
Week of August 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent and educator guides and additional resources available on DEED website
September 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public release of state, district, and school data by DEED
September 29*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for district distribution of reports to parents and teachers

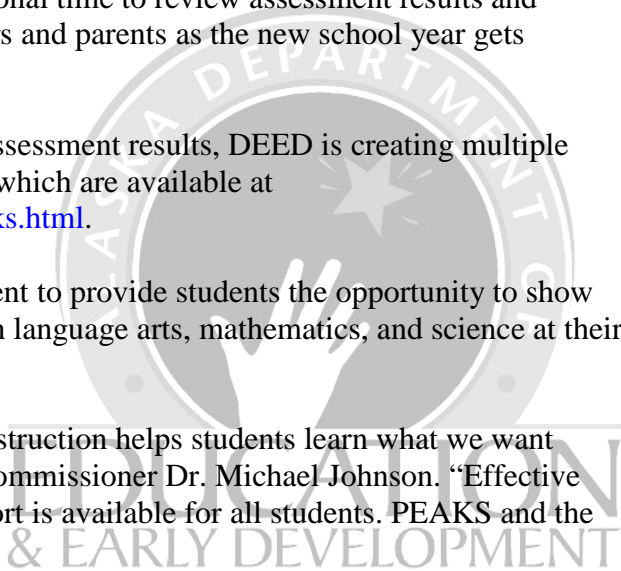
*Per Alaska Regulation 4 AAC 06.817, the commissioner may reset the required 20-day timeline for distributing assessment results to parents and teachers in a year in which a new assessment is being used for the first time for school and district accountability. The PEAKS assessment was administered for the first time in spring 2017.

The timeline was reset to provide districts additional time to review assessment results and prepare their plans to distribute results to teachers and parents as the new school year gets underway.

To help stakeholders prepare for the release of assessment results, DEED is creating multiple resources including parent and educator guides, which are available at <https://education.alaska.gov/tls/assessments/peaks.html>.

Each spring, schools give the statewide assessment to provide students the opportunity to show their understanding of important skills in English language arts, mathematics, and science at their grade level.

“We administer assessments to make sure our instruction helps students learn what we want them to know and do,” said Alaska Education Commissioner Dr. Michael Johnson. “Effective assessment is also important to ensure that support is available for all students. PEAKS and the



Alaska Science Assessment are only one form of assessment and one piece of a balanced assessment system.”

Parents should contact their local school district upon receipt of their student’s score report if they have questions. School district contact information is available at https://education.alaska.gov/Alaskan_Schools/Public/.

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