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Subject: Spring 2011 Participation Rate

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 4, 2011. The first day of testing for students taking the Grade10 SBA-HSGQE and the HSGQE Retest is Tuesday, April 5, 2011. The participation rate file is based on enrollment of April 5, 2011.

Each school district must create an electronic Participation Rate data file in a format similar to that of the Fall OASIS Data Collection Report. **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 several changes made to the 2011 data collection process:

- Accommodations will no longer be collected within the Participation Rate collection.
- Added appendix H to assist in the SRM submission.
- SRM test environment has been introduced, to allow districts early testing of their data before 4/5/2011. The link is found at: <https://srmtest.eed.state.ak.us/srm>.
- SRM is opened for actual submissions on 4/5/2011. The new link is found at <https://srm.eed.state.ak.us/srm>.
- Rewording of text throughout handbook to assist in clarification of purpose.

The completed Participation Rate file is due to the department on Tuesday, **April 26, 2011**.

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

cc: District Test Coordinators