

## **Attachment B to Supt's E-mail: August 1, 2013**

### **Revised Accountability Reports Timeline**

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) has revised the timeline for the release of student achievement results on 2012-2013 state assessments, 2013-2014 federal accountability reports, state accreditation ratings, cohort reports and graduation rates to school divisions and the public.

Dates in the revised timeline are subject to change. Additional Superintendent's E-mails will be issued if warranted to keep divisions apprised of any additional changes in the timeline.

- August 1:** Release of federal Annual Measurable Objectives (AMOs) in reading (benchmarks based on 2012-2013 achievement).
- August 1:** Preliminary 2013-2014 SOL Accreditation ratings available to divisions through SSWS on Thursday, August 1 for all divisions. Ratings for schools with a twelfth grade will include the Graduation/Completion Index benchmark. Please protect student privacy by exercising care in sharing data from these reports.
- August 5:** Preliminary 2013-2014 federal accountability reports available to all divisions through SSWS. The information in detailed preliminary federal accountability reports could lead to personal identification of individual students. Please protect student privacy by exercising care in sharing data from these reports. Data corrections must be made by August 20.
- August 6:** SSWS application closes for reassigning Virginia Alternate Assessment Program (VAAP) and Virginia Modified Achievement Standards Test (VMAST) scores for divisions that surpassed the 1-percent cap on proficient VAAP scores and 2-percent cap on VMAST scores for inclusion in federal accountability reporting.
- August 12:** Federal accountability report data refreshed weekly on Mondays, with the final pre-public release refresh Friday, September 6.
- August 13:** School divisions receive statewide, division and school "all-student" pass rates on 2012-2013 state assessments in advance of public release.
- August 14:** Deadline for requests to designate a school's federal accountability status as "to be determined" (TBD), pending review of submitted corrections to student-level data; deadline for requests to designate a school's accreditation status as TBD for schools seeking conditional accreditation. (See contacts below.)

- August 20:** VDOE news release on statewide, division and school “all-student” pass rates on 2012-2013 state assessments with focus on reading, science and mathematics.
- August 20:** Deadline for SOL, VMAST and VAAP demographic record changes.
- August 30:** VDOE notifies school divisions with new priority and focus schools.
- September 3:** Federal accountability report appeals due (See contacts below.)
- September 5:** Deadline for signed verification reports for the End-of-Year and the Summer SRC so that GCI data can be verified by local school divisions in time for 2013-2014 accreditation ratings.
- September 5:** Cohort Graduation online Data Correction tool closes until January 2014.
- September 6:** Final refresh of federal accountability and state SOL accreditation data prior to public release of updated school report cards and federal accountability ratings.
- September 12:** VDOE news release on federal accountability reports, including schools identified as priority and focus schools. Concurrent with the distribution of the news release, the department will update school, division and state report cards and related summary data on the VDOE Web site.
- September 20:** Final, pre-public release refresh of Accreditation data.
- September 24:** VDOE issues news release on 2013-2014 Accreditation ratings. Concurrently, the department will post updated school report cards and related summary data on the VDOE Web site. The status of conditionally accredited schools (not including new schools) and schools seeking conditional accreditation for the first time will be reported as TBD pending action by the Board of Education on Thursday, October 24. Updated school report cards and related summary information will be posted following the Board meeting. Requests for TBD accreditation status for schools seeking conditional accreditation were due on August 14. (See contacts below.)
- October 8:** VDOE issues news release on VOTGR and cohort dropout rates.

As a reminder, revisions to the *Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia* effective with 2013-2014 accreditation ratings include:

- Adjusted English pass rate of 75 percent required for full accreditation for all schools;

- Adjusted science and history/social science pass rates of 70 percent required for all schools; and
- A Graduation and Completion Index of at least 82 is required for a rating of Provisionally Accredited-Graduation Rate.

VDOE staff is prepared to assist school divisions with questions about accountability ratings and related issues. Here are contacts for the most frequently queried topics:

- General questions about ESEA flexibility: [ESEA@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:ESEA@doe.virginia.gov)
- Requests for TBD status and appeals of AMO results: Christopher Kelly, education coordinator, Office of Program Administration and Accountability, at (804) 225-2122 or [AMOTBD@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:AMOTBD@doe.virginia.gov).
- Student assessment records: Office of Test Administration, Scoring and Reporting at [student\\_assessment@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:student_assessment@doe.virginia.gov) or by calling (804) 225-2102
- AMO and Accreditation calculations: Office of Information Management by e-mail at [resultshelp@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:resultshelp@doe.virginia.gov) or by calling (804) 225-2099
- Priority, focus or improvement plan status: Kathleen Smith, director, Office of School Improvement, at (804) 786-5819 or [Kathleen.Smith@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Kathleen.Smith@doe.virginia.gov)
- Requests for TBD status and Conditional Accreditation: Kathleen Smith, director, Office of School Improvement, at (804) 786-5819 or [Kathleen.Smith@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Kathleen.Smith@doe.virginia.gov)
- Communications issues: Charles Pyle, director of communications, at (804) 371-2420 or [Charles.Pyle@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Charles.Pyle@doe.virginia.gov); or Julie Grimes, communications manager, at (804) 225-2775 or [Julie.Grimes@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Julie.Grimes@doe.virginia.gov)