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Good Afternoon,

As the 2019-2020 school year approaches, the K-3 Literacy team has several important updates and reminders to share with districts. Please share the following information, as needed.

Istation Trainings

The initial Istation face-to-face trainings have been a huge success, with over 1,500 educators trained in face-to-face sessions and over 2,000 educators trained in the first round of webinars. If a district's RtA Contact and/or Campus Leader has not attended a face-to-face training session, please contact tonia.parrish@dpi.nc.gov.

RtA District Contacts must attend face-to-face training

- RtA Contacts are designated district leaders with whom the K-3 Literacy team interacts on a regular basis
- RtA Contacts have been established since RtA began

Campus Leaders must attend face-to-face training

- Campus Leaders are designated educators responsible for training K-3 teachers
- Campus Leaders can be teachers, coaches, instructional facilitators, or other designated educators

All training attendees will be provided a certificate and may receive CEU credit for completion of online or face-to-face training.

Enrollment & Rosters

Enrollment in Istation is open, and rosters are successfully being completed. We currently have over 224,000 students registered across the state. Over 713 students have already completed assessment with ISIP ER measures. If your district has not completed the enrollment process, the RtA District Contact must begin that process ASAP. To do so, please follow the steps listed below.



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Step 1: Access the “Getting Started!” form [here](#)

Step 2: Once you complete the form, click “**Submit**” at the bottom of the form.

As soon as you submit the form, the rosters via PowerSchool will be activated. Teachers will then receive a courtesy notice informing them that their Istation login is now active and available.

The Istation icon has been enabled for staff and elementary students within the NCEdCloud IAM service. If the Istation platform is not available on your device, please check with your district’s PowerSchool Coordinator to ensure rosters at the district and school level has taken place. PowerSchool updates nightly, but initial rosters may take 3-7 business days from the time of verification. Once your district and school rosters are complete, teachers and students will have access to the platform.

Reminders

- District Technology Teams must view the Istation technical webinar for informational next steps [here](#).
- Educators must view the Istation educator webinar [here](#).

Historical Data

The current contract with Amplify ends on August 24, 2019.

- Any historical data from mCLASS needed for student records and documentation must be downloaded, and if desired, it must be printed prior to that date. Please see the [attached document](#) for directions on how to download and print data.
- The Amplify icon for mClass within the NCEdCloud IAM Service must only be used for retrieving historical data.
- North Carolina will not be collecting mCLASS data for reporting or EVAAS purposes.

Reading Camp Data

NCDPI understands the need and urgency of receiving reading camp data. Please know we have been working diligently to resolve the problem, and we are currently working with Amplify



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in order to get data (composite scores) to you as soon as possible. Once you have that composite, it will serve as the proficiency score for comprehension.

Atlas Books

Atlas Books continue to be secured materials while reading camps are in session (camps are in session through mid-October). Information regarding Atlas Books's continued use will be sent to districts upon completion of reading camps.

Benchmark Windows for 2019 - 2020

The State default benchmark windows are as follows:

- Year-Round Schools Benchmark Windows - BOY: August, MOY: December, EOY: April
- Traditional Schools Benchmark Windows - BOY: September, MOY: January, EOY: May
- If your district has a rare exception to this we need to consider, email tonia.parrish@dpi.nc.gov
- Benchmark windows cannot cross months due to data reporting processes
- BOY data will not count toward EVAAS for the 2019-2020 school year.
 - Please note during the benchmark month, the student's first assessment attempt will be the data captured for state data collection. Any other attempts during the benchmark month will be considered Progress Monitoring.

Read to Achieve Guidebook

The K-3 Literacy team is working on making necessary updates to the RtA Guidebook. Once complete, we will send the guidebook to all districts. The guidebook will address many of the questions we are receiving, including 1st grade level cut points, RtA Good Cause Exemptions, and all updated RtA guidelines.

Devices

We sent a survey to local superintendents to gather information about the type and number of devices needed. Our goal is to provide the necessary devices to support successful implementation.

- Recommended: 4 devices per classroom and, if desired, corresponding headsets with microphones



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- Local districts and schools have flexibility for implementation models (whole group with "cart" work station, individual, computer lab, etc.)
- New Policy will allow flexibility in spending of RtA funding to include K-3 supports

Stipends

The State is providing a stipend for Campus Leaders (who are not twelve-month employees) to attend Istation training. Once approved, we will contact District and Campus Leaders regarding the process for receiving the stipend.

NCEdCloud Login for Istation using QR Codes

The NCEdCloud IAM Service team is excited to announce that alternative login methods are being offered for younger students of school districts and charter schools to access the NCEdCloud IAM Service. The two alternate login options will be available for the start of the 2019 - 2020 academic school year, including badges (QR codes) and pictographs. Starting on Friday, August 16th, staff members with the LEA Administrator or LEA Data Auditor role in the NCEdCloud IAM Service will be able to request these alternate authentication options. Please visit the alternate login for K-5 students webpage on the NCEdCloud IAM Service website [here](#) for further information about each option, how to request an alternate student login option, FAQs, updates to upcoming webinars, and updates to the rollout timeline.

Please stay informed by visiting www.istation.com/northcarolina for updates on upcoming webinars, training opportunities, FAQs, and statewide implementation information.

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our youngest readers across the state!

Thanks!

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"If you are positive one day you change the climate. If you are positive everyday you change the culture." - Todd Whitaker



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