

Dear colleague,

This field memo contains important and timely updates regarding policies and procedures related to the education of English learners (ELs). You are receiving this e-mail because your district has identified you in PIMS as a point of contact for the language instruction educational program (LIEP) in your district. **If you are not the appropriate person to receive this information, do not respond to this e-mail**, but rather pass this along to the appropriate person and contact your PIMS administrator to correct the point of contact in PIMS. PDE cannot update this field in PIMS on your behalf.

ACCESS testing window extension

Due to teacher/student absences and school closures related to COVID-19, and at the request of a significant number of school districts in PA, the ACCESS for ELLs testing window is being extended from February 18th to March 4th. All important testing dates are updated on the [PA page on the WIDA website](#) and the WIDA AMS. This extension will not affect the release of test scores, which is still scheduled for May 27th, 2022.

You must ensure that all ELs are tested on or before March 4th. There can be no further extensions to the window beyond that date.

For any questions related to policies or guidance, please feel free to contact a member of the EL team at PDE – Bob Measel (romeasel@pa.gov) or Julia Hutton (juhutton@pa.gov).

Best,

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