QUESTION OF THE WEEK
Q: When will updated accountability trainings and other fall trainings be available?
A: The Office of Standards, Assessment and Accountability (OSAA) is releasing several training videos and PowerPoints this month. The accountability trainings and the Alternate K-PREP Overview [Video & PowerPoint] are available this week on the Meetings and Trainings page. As the videos are completed, expect to see more links to the new trainings.

Beginning in 2018-2019, an overall 5-star rating will be determined by setting standards for low to high performance on six indicators. These indicators will also determine if a school is considered as Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) or Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI).

- Proficiency and Separate Academic Indicators [Video & PowerPoint]
- Growth – Elementary and Middle School [Video & PowerPoint]
- Graduation Rate – High School [Video & PowerPoint]
- Transition Readiness – High School [PowerPoint] Video Coming Soon
- TSI and CSI Schools [Video & PowerPoint]

Achievement Gap [Video & PowerPoint], though not an indicator, will be used to reduce a 4 or 5 star rating by one star, if significant achievement gaps are found in schools or districts.

Important Dates
August 5: K Screen Online Management System (OMS) Opens
August 6: Cohort Review Closes in SDRR
August 7: Kentucky Board of Education Meeting
August 8: DAC Monthly Webcast
August 9: Pre-Quality Control (QC) Data Review Opens in SDRR
August 15: Deadline for Assessment Item Review Applications
August 16: Pre-QC Data Review Closes
August 30: Deadline for Entering Data into SRC Collection Tool

BRIGANCE ONLINE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (OMS) IS NOW LIVE
The Brigance OMS is now live. There are a couple of important tasks that need to be completed right away:

1. Check to see that all schools are listed and that all teachers are listed for each school.
2. Check the user list to make sure that all teachers have a user account. Look for other staff members who should have an account (i.e., administrators, data entry). Make sure all email addresses are correct.

District Kindergarten Screen (K-Screen) Contacts should have received an email announcing the opening of the OMS.

Users will not receive login credentials automatically. To log in, use the “Forgot Password” feature on the Brigance OMS Login Screen. The user will be prompted to enter his or her username and email address; enter the district email address in both boxes. The system will send an email to the user with temporary login credentials. If the message is not found quickly, check junk and clutter folders. For more information on accessing the OMS, visit the Brigance website. Scroll down to BRIGANCE Online Management System Training and play video 2.

The OMS account is often incomplete during the initial set-up phase. If screening with iPads is planned, it is advised to wait until you are able to check the status of your account. Screening with iPads may not be possible until mid-August.

For users who do not have an account, contact your district’s K-Screen Coordinator. If you are a new district coordinator and need an account, contact dacinfo@education.ky.gov.

Infinite Campus and OMS

Each week during the screening period, a new student file from IC is uploaded into the OMS. Due to the one week lag between syncing district and state editions of IC, any changes made are not usually seen for up to two weeks. That makes it important for schools to communicate with K-Screen District Contacts immediately about missing or incorrect students in the OMS.

Note: Only students are updated in the weekly refresh; any changes to teacher information or the creation of new classes must be completed directly in the OMS by an administrator.
WIDA CONSORTIUM TRANSITION FROM TSM TO COS SERVICE DEVICE
The WIDA Consortium is transitioning from the Testing Site Manager (TSM) to Data Recognition Corporation (DRC’s) new site management solution Central Office Service (COS) Service Device. **After August 15, DRC will no longer support the TSM.** Technology coordinators should make sure that all configurations are migrated to COS Service Device and all TSMs are removed prior to that date.

Need help? The Technology User Guide and the Tech Bulletin: TSM to COS Service Device, available in the General Information – Documents section of WIDA AMS, walk you through the process. Documentation related to the transition to COS Service Device can also be found on the Technology Coordinators page of the WIDA Secure Portal. If districts would like additional assistance with this process, contact DRC or call (855) 787-9615.

DAC Spotlight

Hickman County School District is located in Clinton, approximately 10 miles from the Mississippi River. The school district consists of an elementary building and a middle/high school building. Hickman County Elementary houses Early Headstart through grade 6. Hickman High School contains grades 7-12. The district serves approximately 670 students, and about 90 preschool students.

Hickman County Schools is a small district with big goals. The district strives to create a positive learning environment where academic rigor is not only a reality, but an expectation for all of our students. The school district consistently ranks among the best in college and career readiness and graduation rates. Staff are dedicated to providing students with skills which will allow them to successfully transition between high school and the workplace, college, technical school, or military.

The Falcon Academy dual credit program begins its ninth year. It is a program that prepares students for college like no other. The classes offered through this program are the same courses students would take if they were sitting in any of the neighboring colleges or universities. The program has been free to all students thanks to the generosity of the Four Rivers Foundation, the local board of education and 74 sponsors from the community. To date, students have taken over 6,000 college hours with one or more of the local post-secondary institutions, saving the families of those students over 1.5 million dollars in college expenses. The hope is to continue the growth and enthusiasm around this program so students can benefit from it in the future.

It is an exciting time to be a Falcon in Hickman County. The school district works with local business, post-secondary institutions and other agencies to ensure success for all of students.

Janet Johnson
Hickman County Schools
PRE-QUALITY CONTROL (QC) DATA REVIEW TO OPEN

The Office of Standards, Assessment and Accountability (OSAA) will open the Student Data Review and Rosters (SDRR) application for review of individual student data, Cohort and Transition Scores on Friday, August 9 at 9 a.m. ET. This process allows schools and districts to double-check individual student accountability, request non-participations and mark accommodations for Individualized Education Plan (IEP) and English Learner (EL) students before public reporting. Districts will need to scan and upload Medical and Extraordinary Circumstance non-participation forms in SDRR. Districts will be able to make demographic changes in Infinite Campus (IC) and be reflected the next day in SDRR. Student assessment scores will be made available once all data has been received from every vendor on the KDE secure web application.

SDRR and the KDE secure web application will open to begin the Pre-QC Data Review. All tickets need to be submitted by 12 noon, Friday, August 16 and resolution of all open tickets must be completed by Friday, August 16, at 5 p.m. ET. This data review period is the last opportunity to request changes to individual student level data before 2018-2019 data are reported publicly. OSAA knows August is a hectic time, but encourages districts to submit data review changes early in the data review period. Early submission allows ample time to resolve any problems a school or district might experience before data review closes.

There will be additional resources to assist districts and schools with Pre-QC Data Review in SDRR coming soon.

COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT AND IMPROVEMENT (CSI) AND TARGETED SUPPORT AND IMPROVEMENT (TSI)

Join AdvancED|Measured Progress and the Kentucky Department of Education at the Continuous Improvement Summit Sept. 16-17 for practical information and inspiring stories to drive improvement.

Learn how Kentucky educators and administrators apply research-driven insights to their unique educational environment. Connect school quality to better outcomes for learners. The featured keynote speaker will be education author Anthony Muhammed.

The conference will be 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Sept. 16, and 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 17 at the Lexington Convention Center. Visit the AdvancEd website to register. For additional information, see this flyer.
Central Office Services – Service Device (COS-SD) will replace the Testing Site Manager (TSM), and will be phased in over the summer of 2019. Supporting documentation for COS-SD is available in WIDA AMS and on the Technology Coordinator page of the WIDA Secure Portal.

As a reminder, WIDA and DRC will be hosting the final webinar for technology coordinators on the steps to implement COS-SD on Thursday, August 1 from 10-11 a.m. CT. The link to join the webinar, as well as links to the recordings for the previous COS-SD webinars, can be found on the 2019-2020 Q&A WIDA Webinar Schedule and on the WIDA Q&A Webinars 2019-2020 for Technology Coordinators schedule.

Please contact WIDA Client Services or call (866) 276-7735 for questions.