



### **Student Growth Pilot Project July 2011 Update**

I am pleased to announce that DESE and MU staff members have developed a revised time line for the release of the first round of MAP growth data to Pilot Project participants. This first release will take place within the context of the August 2011 MSIP Annual Performance Report (APR), which means that we will focus first on district-level growth in Communication Arts and Mathematics for students in grades three through eight. Data will reflect student performance through the 2011 MAP administration.

Here are the dates associated with specific steps in this initial Pilot Project data release.

- On Monday, August 8, DESE will provide each participating district/charter school with aggregate information about its students' growth on the MAP Communication Arts and Mathematics assessments via a "Draft Preliminary APR." (As noted, this "Draft Preliminary APR" will be prepared only for Pilot Project districts.) We will provide directions for accessing these data in email correspondence to Pilot Project superintendents and contacts.
- During the morning and afternoon of Tuesday, August 9, Margie Vandeven and I will hold three webinars focusing on the growth data included in the "Draft Preliminary APR." These sessions are designed to meet a twofold purpose: 1) to help participants understand the MAP growth data on the "Draft Preliminary APR," and 2) to help administrators make informed decisions about whether to include the growth data on the Preliminary APR. My email to Pilot Project superintendents and contacts will include specific times and access codes for these three webinars.
- By 5 PM on Wednesday, August 10, Pilot Project administrators must tell DESE whether these data should appear on the district/charter school actual Preliminary APR. Email correspondence to superintendents and contacts will include specific directions for sharing decisions with DESE.
- On Monday, August 15, DESE will publish Preliminary APRs for all districts/charter schools. Preliminary APRs for districts/charter schools participating in the Pilot Project will include MAP growth data only if administrators have given DESE permission to do so.

Approximately a month after the publication of the APRs, DESE will provide more detailed growth data to participating districts/charter schools. So, in mid-September, DESE will release additional information about growth at the district level (which will complement the data shown on the Draft Preliminary APR), along with growth data pertaining to students and buildings. We plan to offer a series of conversations to coincide with this second release, although we have not yet finalized details.

Please continue to watch this website for future updates about this initiative. And, do not hesitate to email me if you have specific questions.

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