



## **Student Growth Pilot Project Update, September 2011**

On August 8, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Department) posted aggregate Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) communication arts and mathematics growth data for districts and charter schools participating in the Pilot Project. These data were presented within the context of the 2011 Draft Preliminary 4<sup>th</sup>-Cycle Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP) Annual Performance Report (APR).

On August 9, the Department staff and consultants presented three (3) interactive webinars to explain the data and how it was being incorporated within the APR. See the PowerPoint Presentation (PPP) "[Understanding Your Annual Performance Report, 2011-12: Appendix for Student Growth Pilot Project Participants](#)," for detailed information about the MSIP data release.

Forty-nine (49) of the 157 local education agencies (LEAs) participating in the Pilot Project opted to include their growth data in their 2011 Preliminary APRs. The Department encouraged LEA administrators to consider many factors as they pondered this decision, and the Department plans to survey participants to determine how decisions were reached.

The next major data release for Pilot Project participants is planned for the first week of October, when the Department will post more granular growth data. This posting will include tables and graphs showing district-level and building-level value-added estimates and median student growth percentiles. The Department will also provide growth percentiles for individual students in this release.

Prior to the October data release, the Department will preview the report formats via webinar sessions. Following the release, the Department will present a series of interactive webinars focused on data interpretation. Project participants will receive specific information about the preview and follow-up webinars via email.

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