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Subject: 2023 Assessment Data Embargo Release

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The New York State Education Department (NYSED or “the Department”) appreciates and recognizes the importance of making 2022-23 student assessment data available as soon as possible. On September 13, 2023, the Department provided the Grades 3-8 English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics (math) assessment data to districts and schools to share with parents via individual student reports and to inform instructional programming. Those data were considered preliminary because they had not yet gone through the local district review and verification period (frequently referred to as “Summer Clean Up”), which closed on September 29, 2023.

Now that the review and verification period has closed and statewide quality checks have been completed, the 2022-23 student assessment data are considered final as of October 4, 2023, and are no longer under embargo.

As a result of the embargo release, the 2022-23 school-level and district-level assessment data that are currently available in the Level 2 Reporting (L2RPT) Environment may be shared and discussed at the discretion of local school and district leaders. Likewise, Level 1 Instructional Reports with regional data may be shared and discussed at the discretion of local school and district leaders. This includes, but is not limited to, sharing at school or district board of education meetings, charter school governing board meetings, stakeholder meetings, community engagement team meetings, or otherwise releasing to the public.

NYSED is now engaged in the labor-intensive process of updating assessment reports based on the final data. These aggregated reports of individual school and district data, along with statewide totals, will be shared with the public in the 2022-23 New York State School Report Card via the Department’s Public Data Site. The public release of all final state assessment data is anticipated by early December.

Please be reminded that the delay of publicly releasing 2022-23 assessment data is because the spring 2023 assessments were new tests measuring the new Next Generation Learning Standards. As a result, additional analyses and NYS educator input were necessary to establish the achievement standards (also known as “cut scores”) for performance on each of the tests. Next year, those additional steps will not be necessary because the established cut scores will carry forward. As a result, the Department anticipates an earlier timeline for data availability.

Next Steps, Support, and Additional Assistance

For Districts and Charter Schools outside of New York City

For general assistance with data reporting, verification or questions about data contained in SIRS, please contact your [RIC or Big 5 Data Coordinator](#). For information concerning SIRS reports and resources, please refer to the [L2RPT support page](#). If you need any further data related assistance, please contact the [Office of Information and Reporting Services](#) (IRS) by entering your question directly to our Datasupport helpdesk via the blue “HELP” icon at the bottom right corner of each IRS subpage.

For New York City Department of Education Schools

If you need additional support, please reach out to your Academic Policy, Performance, and Assessment (APPA) Specialist within the NYCDOE. The Office of Information Reporting Services or Datasupport at NYSED will not be able to assist you.

For All New York City Charter Schools

All NYC Charter Schools should contact the [NYCDOE Charter School Help Support Desk](#) and submit a ticket.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to engage families and communities and ensure that all students are provided with the supports needed to support successful outcomes in the 2023-24 school year.