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From: Jason Harmon, Deputy Commissioner, P-12 Operational Support

Subject: 2023 Assessment Data Embargo Release 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,

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 <u>RIC or Big 5 Data Coordinator</u>. For information concerning SIRS reports and resources, please refer to the <u>L2RPT</u> <u>support page</u>. If you need any further data related assistance, please contact the <u>Office of Information and Reporting Services</u> (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 <u>NYCDOE Charter School Help</u> <u>Support Desk</u> 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.