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On June 30, 2022, the New York State Education Department (NYSED or “the Department”) announced efforts to streamline its data sharing practices. The goal of the new data reporting process was to help provide parents and families with their student’s assessment result information earlier than in past years and to inform instructional decisions and individualized learning plans for students at the start of the 2022-23 school year.

As we forecast in the June 30 memo, the Department provided the preliminary Grades 3-8 English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics (math) assessment data to districts and schools the week of August 15, 2022. The preliminary data was considered such because it has not yet gone through the local district review and verification period, which closed on August 31, 2022.

Upon release in mid-August, data related to Grades 3-8 English Language Arts and math, Grades 4 and 8 science, New York State Alternative Assessment (NYSAA), New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT), Annual Regents Examinations, and Total Cohort Regents Examinations were embargoed, except for the limited purposes of sharing with families and for instructional planning. Data under embargo could not be discussed at public meetings, with boards of education, charter school governing boards, or otherwise released to stakeholders, community partners, or the general public until it was verified and certified.

The Department appreciates and recognizes the importance of making 2021-22 data publicly available as soon as possible following two years of pandemic disruption and will make the aggregate statewide data available as soon as possible. The 2021-2022 SIRS reporting window for 2021-22 closed on August 19, 2022 and the assessment verification window closed on August 31, 2022. Districts and charter schools had until Friday, September 2, 2022 to review and certify their data.

Once the data was certified by districts and charter schools, NYSED could begin to compile individual school and district data to be posted on NYSED's website. The process to compile the data for web posting is labor intensive and the Department is striving to publicly release all final state assessment data this fall. Statewide data will be made available to the public and shared with schools and districts in the 2021-22 New York State School Report Card via the Department's [Public Data Site](#).

While that work continues, to address feedback received from stakeholders across the state and to support timely and informed conversations at the school and/or district level, NYSED is releasing the data embargo effective immediately.

As a result of releasing the embargo, 2021-22 school-level and district-level assessment data that is 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.

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 2022-23 school year.