



Important Update Regarding Statewide Assessments

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The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has announced the cancellation of statewide assessments for the 2019-2020 school year. This cancellation includes the PSSA, PASA, and Keystone Exams.

“We understand that during these unprecedented circumstances,” wrote Dr. Pedro A. Rivera, II, Secretary of Education, in an e-mail correspondence sent to Superintendents this afternoon, “school communities across the state are managing more pressing issues on the education landscape, like providing access to food and nutrition, and putting appropriate systems in place to continue student learning. Assessments should not be the focus of school leaders right now.”

Dr. Rivera further explained, “The Department is monitoring emerging federal guidance, working with other states to advocate for flexibility, and will pursue appropriate waivers to the fullest extent allowable as soon as the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) guidance is clarified.”

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