

To: PMRN District Level 2 Users
District Assessment Contacts
District IT Contacts
District MIS Contacts

Date: September 24, 2009

It was great to be on the conference call this morning with the District Reading Contacts. I understand the frustration in the schools and appreciate your efforts in keeping everyone positive. On a personal note, I thank you for the words of encouragement that the Support Specialists of the PMRN Help Desk have been receiving. These young women and men have been awesome. In their behalf, I extend their apologies for not being as responsive to individual calls as to what our Users have become accustomed over the past seven years. The volume of phone calls and E-mails is 9 times greater than any single period over those seven years.

On the request of Melinda Crowley and Ron, I am sending the updated specifications for the Florida Assessments for Instruction in Reading. Please note that IE 6 is no longer recommended and IE8 has not been tested. Thus, the only version of Internet Explorer that is recommended for use with the Assessments is IE7.x.

Please see the attached
(www.fcrr.org/pmrn/fair_correspondence/fair_computer_specs_24sept09.pdf
).

Please be reminded that tonight, at 9:00 PM ET the final batch file for rostering the PMRN for sy0910 is due to the Northwest Regional Data Center (NWRDC) for processing by the FLDOE's Bureau of Education Information and Accountability Services (EIAS). To be rostered in the PMRN, a student must have, in the Student Demographic file (item 42 (columns 159-167), the Identifier of the teacher. That same Identifier must have been listed in the current or previous submission of the Staff Demographic file and be assigned to the same school as the student. I understand that many districts will not be submitting staff files this submission cycle. That is fine, if the teacher was in a previous submission. The import process will ignore any student who: 1) has a null value for item 49, 2) has an invalid number (all zeros), 3) if there is not a match in a previous staff file. Students already rostered can have null or invalid values. If there are different instructor ID and the student does not have scores or was not managed through the UI, the student will be moved to a new class.

As Bo Elzie mentioned this morning, as of last night, 916,929 of the 1,989,181 students rostered in the PMRN have a validated PRS/FSP.