

Spotlight

on Student Assessment and Accountability

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An Update From OEAA About Student Assessment

Earlier today, Governor Whitmer released [Executive Order 2020-35](#), suspending K-12 instruction in Michigan for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Section IV of the order addresses state assessments. The Michigan Department of Education is finalizing guidance based on this Executive Order.

The Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA) wants to emphasize that the health and safety of students, staff, and the community is top priority during this time. All OEAA staff are now working from home and are available if questions arise. You can send inquiries to the following email (this is our preference) or call the telephone number. We will respond as quickly as possible.

- **email:** mde-oeaa@michigan.gov
- **phone:** 877-560-8378


Please be safe during this trying time. We will work to provide updates on “What now?” as quickly as we can.

Michigan School Grades Reports Publicly Available

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) made 2018-19 Michigan School Grades reports publicly available earlier this week. The Michigan School Grades System is a NEW accountability system that was signed into law in late 2018. In this system, schools receive up to five letter grades and three ranking labels based on various school performance components. Schools do not receive an overall letter grade.

Results are now available on [MI School Data](http://www.mischooldata.org) (www.mischooldata.org). The embargo on sharing these results has been lifted.

We encourage you to review the informational guides and other helpful resources available for the [Michigan School Grades System](http://www.michigan.gov/mde-schoolgrades) (www.michigan.gov/mde-schoolgrades).

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 The Formative Assessment for Michigan Educators (FAME) project is entering its 13th year and is now seeking interested educators who would like to lead a local learning team of teachers to explore, implement, and reflect on the formative assessment process in their classrooms. FAME coaches are not expected to be the local expert on the formative assessment process—rather FAME coaches are learners along with their learning team.

More information on the FAME project and access to the online [2020-21 New FAME Coach application](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NewCoachApp) (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NewCoachApp>) is available on the [MDE Formative Assessment Process page](http://www.michigan.gov/formativeassessment) (www.michigan.gov/formativeassessment) or the [FAME public page](https://famemichigan.org) (<https://famemichigan.org>)

The deadline to apply is **Friday, May 1, 2020**. If you have any questions, contact Kimberly Young, MDE/OEAA, at youngk1@michigan.gov or 517-241-7061.

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