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FROM: Dr. Cade Brumley  
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SUBJECT: Response to Waiver Response Received April 5, 2024

The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) is in receipt of the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education's (OESE) response to the request for a waiver from the alternate assessment participation cap. The LDOE is in agreement that only students with the most significant cognitive disabilities should be assessed using alternate assessments aligned to alternate academic achievement standards.

In addition to the activities outlined in the original waiver request, the LDOE commits to the following actions:

#### Summer 2024

- The LDOE will conduct an in-depth internal review of alternate assessment participation data and student-level records, including evaluation results, by alternate assessment score and exceptionality this summer.
- The LDOE will discuss recommendations with its state special education advisory panel (SEAP) and stakeholders in July 2024, which will include an analysis of current alternate assessment eligibility criteria and re-evaluation waivers.
- Recommendations will be added to the state special education advisory panel agenda for July 2024.



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### Fall 2024

- NCEO's calculator for disproportionality will be used to calculate a risk ratio for LEAs for each subgroup using the 2024 assessment data. For identified LEAs, targeted technical assistance will be provided.
- In addition to providing [parent resources](#) on the alternate assessment, LEAP Connect, the LDOE will provide webinars for parents to ensure understanding of alternate assessment participation.

The LDOE is committed to ensuring that only students with the most significant cognitive disabilities, who meet the State's participation guidelines, will participate in the alternate assessment. This plan is publicly available on our [website](#) for students with significant cognitive disabilities.

Please contact [meredith.jordan@la.gov](mailto:meredith.jordan@la.gov) with any questions. We thank you for your shared commitment to Louisiana's students with the most significant cognitive disabilities.

Sincerely,

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