Dear Educator,

Oklahoma is currently 1 of 14 states participating in the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) consortium and has assisted in the development of an alternate assessment aligned to the Common Core Essential Elements (CCEE). This assessment is intended for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities and will replace the Oklahoma Alternate Assessment Program (OAAP) Portfolio in the content areas of math and English language arts in the 2014-15 school year.

The DLM consortium has partnered with the Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation (CETE) at the University of Kansas to create this alternate assessment system, and requires educational data about the students who will be taking the assessment.

The First Contact Survey has been designed to compile the needed student data which will assist in the completion of the online alternate assessment. In order to collect the data needed to inform the assessment system, one survey must be completed for each student participating in the alternate assessment.

What is the First Contact Survey?

- An online survey tool designed to inform the assessment system about students who participate in the alternate assessment.
- The survey will help test developers and the dynamic assessment prepare and present the appropriate items to each individual student.
- The survey collects information on student characteristics as well as educational and communication needs.
- The rater should be the student's primary educator (i.e., the individual who has extensive knowledge of the student).

What if a teacher is unable to complete the survey?

- If a teacher is unable to complete the survey, they should notify their local district supervisor immediately so that another individual can be assigned to complete the survey.
- Every student is required to have a First Contact Survey on file prior to administration of the alternate assessment.

The survey is dynamic in that some responses will lead to additional questions. Average time to complete the survey is estimated at 12-15 minutes. You can complete the survey at your convenience as it is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. All results and information obtained will be strictly confidential.

Please collect the following pieces of information prior to beginning the survey.

- Student's State Issued Identification Number
- Student's Grade of Record
- Student's Primary Disability Category

We appreciate your participation in this very valuable component of the design of an assessment system to evaluate students with significant cognitive disabilities. Please complete the survey no later than May 12, 2013

Click this link to begin the survey:
https://kansasedu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_9HoWI1IpPaI8adT

Thank you,

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If you have any questions regarding this study or questions regarding the survey, please email the DLM team at dlm@ku.edu.

If you have any additional questions about your rights as a research participant, you may call (785) 864-7429, write the Human Subjects Committee Lawrence Campus (HSCL), University of Kansas, 2385 Irving Hill Road, Lawrence, Kansas 66045-7563, or email irb@ku.edu.

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