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NEW The Online Reporting System (ORS) will be down for maintenance beginning **July 25, 2016**. The system will re-open when score reports are ready to be released. Updates on this release date will be provided in upcoming Student Assessment Newsletters and portal announcements.

Furthermore, all AIR systems (i.e., the ORS, TIDE) will be down for maintenance on **Saturday, August 13 - Sunday, August 14**. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Smarter Balanced Interim Assessment Updates

Smarter Balanced has released new Interim Assessment Blocks (IABs) for the 2016-17 school year. For a full list of the IABs that will be available in 2016-17, please see the updated [ELA Interim Assessment Blocks Blueprint](#) and the [Mathematics Interim Assessment Blocks Blueprint](#). All Interims, including the new IABs, will launch in the online Test Delivery System on **October 18, 2016**. More details about these assessments and training for educators will be forthcoming.

Summative Student Assessments in 2016-17

NEW Please refer to the Commissioner’s [memo](#) to Superintendents of Schools, dated July 8, 2016, regarding important aspects of the state summative assessments for 2016-17. It contains testing dates and additional information specific to the Connecticut SAT School Day and CMT/CAPT Science Online Testing.

Data Collection and Reporting Updates

The Performance Office released a [memo](#) to Superintendents of Schools on June 14, 2016, which includes information on the 2016-17 Data Acquisition Plan, updates pertaining to data collection, and new federal requirements starting in 2017-18. The memo also includes information regarding the 2016 Data and Performance Summit to be held on August 17, 2016, and September 21, 2016, at the Institute of Technology & Business Development (ITBD) in New Britain, CT. Click [here](#) to register.

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Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE) Update

NEW In preparation for the mailing of the 2016 summative assessment score reports, the Bureau of Student Assessment is requesting that all District Test Coordinators (DA's in TIDE) verify and/or update their contact information in the TIDE system before **August 1, 2016**. To verify, please follow the steps below:

- 1) Log into TIDE and click on the **Contact Info** tab.



- 2) Verify the mailing and shipping information is correct in TIDE. If the information is not correct, please update the fields and then select **Done**.

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