TO: Corporation Test Coordinators, School Leaders  
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RE: UPDATE: I AM Updates for Spring 2020 Administration

IDOE conducted a feedback survey following the 2019 administration of I AM. This survey was available from May 17 – June 3, 2019. IDOE reviewed the results of this survey with AIR in order to make significant improvements for the 2019-2020 school year. AIR has confirmed the following changes will be implemented for the 2020 administration of I AM. We are pleased to share these updates with you and look forward to a successful implementation of I AM.

TIDE Updates:
- Learner Characteristics Inventory (LCI) completion for students in TIDE can be tracked.
- The No Mode of Communication check box for STC confirmation will be removed.
- A Co-op user role will be available in TIDE and in ORS.
- TAs, STCs, and CTCs can confirm which assessment the TA is certified to administer.
- The additional materials order window will close two weeks before the test window ends to ensure on-time delivery.

Test Design Updates:
- Two practice items will be embedded in the Operational Test for each grade and subject area, and not display as a separate test.
- Students and TAs will access a cover page after question 5 where the TA will receive specific instructions for ending the test for students with No Mode of Communication.
- The TA will need to approve students entering Part 2 to prevent test completion in a single day.
- The length of each I AM assessment has been reduced to a maximum of 38 items including field test items.

Test Administration Updates:
- Specific guidance for Voice Packs will be delivered in advance of the test window.
- UPDATE as of 1/30/20: Human Reader will be available as an accommodation for students who are testing online when Text-to-Speech (TTS) is not accessible.

Training Updates:
- Educators will no longer need to attend an in-person training as first time administrators or a refresher course. First-year test administrators will attend a webinar hosted by IDOE and AIR. All test administrators must participate in a TA Certification Course.

These changes will be outlined in greater detail with the release of the Test Coordinator’s Manual (TCM) and Test Administrator’s Manual (TAM) on March 20, 2020. If you have specific questions or concerns, please contact Stephanie Thompson at sthompson2@doe.in.gov.