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TO: Corporation Test Coordinators, School Leaders, and Educators
FROM: Dr. Charity Flores, Director of Assessment
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RE: Spring 2019 I AM Test Length

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE), American Institutes for Research (AIR), and Indiana educators worked together to construct the I AM alternate assessment. The assessment will utilize both legacy ISTAR items and newly constructed I AM items due to the transition from ISTAR to I AM.

This transition to build an item pool for future administrations will require a slightly longer assessment than previous years. Students will respond to 47 items per grade and content area. The items will span both segments 1 and 2 of the stage-adaptive assessment. IDOE and AIR anticipate fewer items in subsequent administrations. Students may request to pause the assessment at any time if a break is needed. Additionally, the testing window is six full weeks, allowing for flexibility with scheduling and test administration.

IDOE will conduct a survey regarding delivery including test length following the administration window as we consider improvements. We appreciate collaborating with educators and administrators through feedback to better improve the alternate assessment and testing experience moving forward.

If you have questions or concerns regarding I AM, please contact Stephanie Thompson at 317-234-2377 or sthompson2@doe.in.gov.