

**TO:** Superintendents, Special Education Directors, and Corporation Test Coordinators

**FROM:** Dr. Charity Flores, Director, Office of Student Assessment

**SUBJECT:** 1 Percent Cap on Alternate Assessment Participation Justification Survey

**DATE:** January 9, 2020

Pursuant to ESSA section 1111 (b)(2)(D)(i)(I), states are limited to the total number of students with the most significant cognitive disabilities who are assessed statewide with an alternate assessment based on alternate academic achievement standards to 1.0 percent of the total number of students in the state who are assessed in that subject.

Indiana assessed 1.14 percent of students using Indiana's Alternate Measure (I AM) during the 2018-2019 school year. While 1.14 percent is still above the 1.0 percent cap, it should be noted that Indiana assessed 0.07 percent fewer students than during the 2017-2018 school year using Indiana Standards Tool for Alternate Reporting (ISTAR).

Indiana requested a waiver extension to this 1.0 percent cap on participation. [This waiver](#) included a plan and timeline. Part of the plan requires corporations that assess more than 1.0 percent of the tested population on I AM in any subject area to submit information to the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) justifying the need to exceed the 1.0 percent threshold for the 2019-2020 school year.

Superintendents, Special Education Directors, and Corporation Test Coordinators from those corporations over the 1.0 percent will be contacted on Monday, January 13 via email with directions for completing the required submission. Questions should be communicated to [Stephanie Thompson](#) and [Sarah Mohr](#).