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TO Read to Achieve Contacts

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Thank you all for the incredible work you are doing during these unprecedented times. Your leadership and excellence does not go unnoticed. Included in this memo, districts/charters will find important information about the **Istation contract ending June 30, 2020.**

Contract Ending Considerations

- Students will no longer have access to Istation. Access (authentication through the NCEdCloud IAM Service) to the Istation platform will be disabled after June 30, 2020.
- Parents will no longer have access to Istation's Parent Portal and public school units will no longer have access to students' personalized data and Istation resources as part of the statewide contract.
- State-provided rostering data for all Istation products will be deactivated.

Istation Data Download Plan

- Public school units have likely already downloaded and printed the student summary report or any other progress monitoring data needed. If not, please do so, as it will no longer be as easily accessible.
- Please download data prior to June 30th after midnight. Please make sure to store the data securely for any future purposes.
- NCDPI will obtain all data from Istation within 90 days of the end of the contract. Data will be archived at the state level and relevant data will be uploaded into Schoolnet.

Next Steps

- Access (authentication through the NCEdCloud IAM Service) to the Istation platform will be disabled after midnight June 30th.
- Districts who choose to continue with Istation will have the option to continue using the NCEdCloud for authentication. To do so, please have your NCEdCloud IAM

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Administrator submit a ticket to the NCDPI Technology Support Center via a ServiceNow ticket at https://ncgov.service-now.com/sp_dpi.

- NOTE: In order to ensure fairness and equity to all, if public school units have previously submitted a ticket to NCDPI Technology Support Center via ServiceNow, it will be necessary to submit another ticket for the continuation of the NCEDCLOUD IAM service for authentication.
- Districts who purchased additional products from Istation will have to build and maintain new local rostering data feeds to Istation.
- Pending State Board approval, districts will be given the opportunity to utilize multiple RtA reading diagnostics for the 2020-2021 school year from a SBE approved list (more information will be shared as it becomes available)
- No other action is required by public school units at this time.

2020-2021 Read to Achieve Diagnostic Tools

- DPI has submitted a draft policy to the State Board that allots RTA funding to districts and charter schools and allows them to contract with a SBE approved K-3 literacy diagnostic vendor.
- Pending State Board approval, districts will be able to contract with the following vendors: Imagine Learning, i-Ready, Istation, NWEA, and STAR. Amplify mClass will be eligible upon the completion of a Lexile study.
- Per the draft policy, districts and charter schools can use any remaining funds for additional RTA resources such as devices or other reading support resources.
- Both the policy and allotment require State Board approval before funds can be disbursed and districts can contract with vendors. DPI has requested that the State Board consider this proposal no later than the Board's July meeting.

Please share this information as needed. If you have any questions or need further clarification regarding information contained in this memo, please contact Tara Galloway at tara.galloway@dpi.nc.gov.

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