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Dear Chane,

We hope this email finds you well. We are writing to you on behalf of Sunshine State TESOL (SSTESOL) of Florida and as a follow up of the Chancellor of Public Schools' letter to Superintendents dated January 12, 2021 which included details regarding WIDA testing for ELLs and different provisions for ELLs who are participating in remote learning.

In the letter, the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) highly recommended that all ELLs participate in the ACCESS for ELLs test, although, the decision for ELLs to participate rests with the parents or guardians. The ACCESS for ELLs testing window was also extended by 10 weeks. The Chancellor asked Superintendents to advise families that the results of the test inform the services the school districts provide for their children.

In this regard, the SSTESOL Advocacy team would like to request **by district** the following data from your office (see bulleted items below). The data will be used to develop a report to share with SSTESOL membership regarding ELLs' participation in ACCESS for ELLs.

- The total number of ELLs enrolled in remote learning;
- The number of ELLs enrolled in remote learning who participated in ACCESS for ELLs;
- The number of parents who did not give permission for their ELLs (in remote learning) to participate in ACCESS for ELLs;
- The length of time ACCESS for ELLs testing window was extended, if at all; and
- A copy of the ACCESS for ELLs testing feedback from teachers and testing administrators.

Finally, when will the assessment results be posted on the Florida ACCESS for ELLs' web page? Thank you for your support and partnership with SSTESOL as we advocate

for quality education for ELLs and their families. We are looking forward to your response.

Sincerely and on behalf of the SSTESOL Board,

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