Dear Kindergarten Assessment Data Managers,

This message contains important updates regarding Kindergarten Readiness Assessment and EMIS reporting for fall 2020. Due to the high number of schools engaging in remote learning, many Ohio students were unable to complete the Kindergarten Readiness Assessments (KRA) in person as required. However, many districts were able to work with students to partially complete the assessment. These partially complete assessments resulted in scale scores that do not accurately reflect students' abilities. As a result, the Department has made changes to the KRA Scale Score Report:

- Students whose assessments are missing one or more items in any domain will not display a scaled score at the domain or overall levels.
- The Scale Score Report will only show scaled scores for a student who has one or more "NS" items if the student is identified as a student with a disability and/or an English Learner. (The rating "NS" is only allowable for students with disabilities and English Learners. This year many students who are not identified as students with disabilities or English learners have "NS" scores reported, which makes the results not valid for those students.)

We are working with the assessment vendor and the ODE data team to resolve the issue. **If your school or district has information that needs updating, an ODE staff or KRA Help Desk team member will be calling you directly next week. If your district had all students in the "Complete" and/or "All items were not complete" statuses, this change does not affect your scores.**

All scaled score reports will be recalculated in the KReady system. We will notify you when the new Scale Score Reports are available.

The KRA EMIS appeals window will be extended to give districts additional time to download the new Scale Score Report and make adjustments to EMIS reporting, if needed. The anticipated timeline for appeals is April 19 – May 14, 2021.

The following table explains how scores will be displayed in the <u>updated</u> Scale Score Report based upon item completion:

Item Status	Scores Displayed
Students who complete all items.	Overall score. Domain scores (with error band) for each domain. Status = Complete
For ONLY Students with Disabilities and English Learners Students with one or more "Not Scorable" items.	Overall score. Domain scores (with error band) for each domain. Status = Complete with NS
For ONLY Students who are NOT students with disabilities or English Learners Students with one or more "Not Scorable" items.	No overall score. No domain scores. Status = Complete with NS
Students with one or more items missing.	No overall score. Domain scores (with error band) for each complete domain. Status = Some items are not complete
Student with all items missing.	No overall score. No domain scores. Status = All items were not complete

For help with the KReady system go to <u>www.ohio-k12.help</u> or call 844-K12-OHIO (844-512-6446) to submit a ticket for technical assistance.

For policy questions, please contact <u>KRAhelp@education.ohio.gov</u>.