

CC: State Education Agency Representative

SUBJECT: Reminder! Please help us reach teachers who gave alternate assessments!

ATTACHMENT:

Text Body

OUR REQUEST

Take a few minutes to contact 3 teachers. Please do one of the following:

- Send an email. Cut and paste the message below and send it to teachers who administer alternate assessments and encourage them to take the survey OR
- Print the attached description and give it to 2-3 teachers personally and ask them to take a little time to respond.

The survey can be completed in 15-20 minutes.

WHO?

The survey is designed for teachers who administered an alternate assessment (at least one) to students with significant cognitive disabilities.

BACKGROUND:

On [April 20, 2006] we requested your assistance in recruiting teachers in your district for a survey on alternate assessment for students with significant cognitive disabilities. We know that it is a hectic time and it isn't easy to add one more thing to the to-do list. To date we received 33 responses to the survey. To interpret the results we need to hear from 115 additional teachers. To reach this goal we need your help. Remember, teachers will receive a thank you worth \$25 for completing the survey.

You will find more information about the group conducting the survey at
<http://www.daata.org/SECURE/DAATAOverview5.pdf>

QUESTIONS?

If you have questions, please contact:

- Dr. Todd Twyman, University of Oregon
- Voice (541) 346-1923
- Email ttwyman@uoregon.edu

Please cut and paste the following message into an email body and send it to three teachers who gave alternate assessments this year.

CUT AND PASTE MESSAGE BELOW

Earn a reward valued at \$25, for your views about alternate assessment.

What is this about? The State Department of Education is cooperating with the Assessing Special Education Students group (ASES) to conduct a survey. The survey is designed to learn what teachers in nine states have to say about alternate assessments for students with significant cognitive disabilities. The ASES is a group of approximately 25 collaborating states. See "Who are the survey sponsors?" below for more information.

What is in it for you? If you complete the survey you will receive a thank you worth \$25 and, more importantly, you will have the opportunity to have your views included in a study about various aspects of alternate assessment. No personally identifiable information will be stored with survey responses and all responses will be handled confidentially.

What should you do?

- Enter this Internet link into your web browser:
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=175211958288>
- Respond to the survey online giving your honest perceptions about alternate assessment
- Answer all questions and complete the survey
- Click “DONE” when you are finished

WHY?

You have information we need: If you administered alternate assessments, you can provide important information to inform future plans. Your views and perceptions will be combined with those from teachers across the nine states to better understand the effects of alternate assessment.

Questions? If you have questions or need assistance in responding to the survey, please contact:

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