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PASA 1% Threshold Justification

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires Pennsylvania to ensure that the total number of students assessed in each subject using the PASA does not exceed one percent of the total number of all students in the state assessed on the statewide assessments.

Each local educational agency (LEA) must complete and submit the PASA 1.0 Percent Participation Threshold Justification to the Bureau of Special Education (BSE) if it anticipates that more than 1.0% of its students enrolled in grades 3-8 and 11 with be assessed using the PASA.

A list of LEAs who anticipate exceeding the threshold will be made publicly available on the PDE website, in accordance with 34 CFR 200.6 (c)(3) regulations. LEAs must also make the document publicly available, removing any personally identifiable information.

The New Brighton Area School District anticipates exceeding the 1.0 percent threshold for PASA participation for the 2026-2027 testing cycle. The necessary justification information has been submitted to the Bureau of Special Education.

Questions on the New Brighton Area School District participation rates should be directed to Mr. Nick Long, Director of Student Services, 724-843-1795, ext. 403 or nlong@nbasd.org.