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TO: Chief School Administrators
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SUBJECT: ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Pricing

The World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA) consortium recently informed the New Jersey Department of Education about their pricing proposal for the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 test. WIDA's proposal is based on a new contract with Data Recognition Corporation (DRC); test item renewal with the Center for Applied Linguistics (CAL); WIDA leadership; technical assistance; and research development.

For the 2015–2016 testing year, WIDA has established a base price of \$25.75 per student for up to 75,000 students (New Jersey's tested ELL population currently falls in this range). Additional fees will apply to Braille (\$160 + \$25.75/student) and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs (\$75/student).

Included in this cost, New Jersey districts will continue to receive the following resources and services.

- Consortium Membership
- ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Annual Summative Assessment
- Professional Learning
- Technical Assistance
- Educational Resources
- English Language Development (ELD) Standards and Can Do Descriptors
- Client Services
- W-APT (through 2015–16)

A new screener (to replace the current W-APT) will be available beginning spring 2016. WIDA intends to make the screener available for a nominal additional cost.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Supplemental Educational Programs at (609) 292-8777 or email lep@doe.state.nj.us. For more information about ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 please visit <http://www.nj.gov/education/bilingual/ells/20/>. We hope that this information allows your school district to plan for future ACCESS for ELLs test administrations.

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