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To: Dr. Richard A. Ross, Ohio's Superintendent of Public Instruction

From: The State University Education Deans (SUED)

Re: Request for assistance in obtaining competency-level data from Pearson for the Ohio Assessments for Educators (OAE)

Date: January 12, 2015

The State University Education Deans have significant concerns with Pearson's administration of the Ohio Assessments for Educators (OAE). Despite previous promises and repeated requests from educator preparation programs, Pearson has not yet made available competency-level data that is critical to providing feedback to both our teacher preparation programs and our teacher candidates.

Pearson made a commitment in the "Technical Proposal for Testing Ohio Educators" to provide competency-level data to Educator Preparation Programs. Thus far, Pearson has only provided this data in a "Detailed Performance Summary" to teacher candidates who do not pass the OAE tests. Educator Preparation Programs are not receiving this information for any candidates and are only able to see the performance index (1, 2, 3, or 4) on the domain and overall score. There are no other reports in Pearson's online reporting system that provides competency-level information.

We are requesting that you use whatever means are available to you to gain access to competency-level data for Ohio Educator Preparation Programs. In order to identify areas for improvement, Educator Preparation Programs need to have access to candidates' comprehensive score data and analysis:

- candidates' performance index,
- the number and percentage of questions answered correctly in each competency,
- the number and percentage of questions answered correctly in each domain.

Preparing excellent education professionals is an imperative for all of Ohio's colleges involved in this endeavor. Yet, educator preparation programs are hindered because they are not receiving needed information on the candidates who take the OAE tests.

If you should desire additional information regarding this matter, please feel free to contact the State University Education Deans (SUED) directly through Chair Dr. Joanne Arhar [jarhar@kent.edu](mailto:jarhar@kent.edu).

Sincerely,

The State University Education Deans