





- An Optional End of Year Assessment for districts to diagnose student learning was announced last week with an [FAQ](#).

For districts interested in participating in the Optional End of Year Assessment, a [webinar](#) and [PPT](#) were posted with additional information.

**Students will be able to start taking this online, from their homes, on May 11 through June 12.**

#### School Calendar Considerations

- As part of our [Instructional Continuity](#) efforts, we discussed the concept of adjusting the 2020-2021 academic calendar to address the potential devastating [impact](#) of COVID-19 on student achievement.  
The initial research indicates that students could return to school nearly a full year behind what normally occurs after a summer break. We must change practices to address this.
- A [PPT](#) was presented that provided initial guidance on adjusting school calendars as a response to COVID-19.
- In addition, a [Changing School Start Date Guidance](#) document was posted to support districts that are seeking to explore this change.
- We acknowledge that this is an extraordinary change, particularly at this point in the school year. As such, we encourage you to start these critical conversations now with your stakeholders if this is an option you want to pursue for your school community.
- A good place to start is re-watching the HB 3 in 30 webinar related to the [Additional Days School Year](#) initiative.