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Re: MoSLPA Transition  
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The Office of Educator Quality – Educator Preparation and Educator Certification is issuing this memo to address the next steps for the Missouri School Leaders Performance Assessment (MoSLPA) and licensure.

Educational Testing Systems (ETS) will no longer be the vendor for the School Leader Performance Assessment (MoSLPA) following the current resubmission period. Resubmission scores should be available from ETS to candidates on June 20, 2018 and to EPPs and DESE on June 25, 2018. A request for an extension to the existing MoSLPA contract with ETS was denied. ETS proposed a new and more costly performance assessment for School Leader candidates to replace the MoSLPA for the extension. The Office of Educator Quality rejected this proposal due to the increased cost to the candidate and alignment concerns of a new assessment.

Beginning in August 2018, School Leader candidates seeking certification will complete a performance assessment designed by the Missouri Professors of Educational Administration (MPEA). Those scoring the assessment will use a common rubric and will be trained by MPEA. A passing score will be decided and agreed upon by MPEA. Additional information will be shared as it becomes available.

The following requirements must be met by a School Leader candidate in order to be recommended for certification from an Educator Preparation Program:

- Receive a passing score on the School Leaders content assessment
- Receive a passing score on the ETS MoSLPA **OR** a passing score on the MPEA School Leaders performance assessment
- GPA requirement met
- Completed degree from an accredited Educational Administration program