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**TO:** Local School System Superintendents  
**FROM:** Karen B. Salmon, Ph.D.  
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**SUBJECT:** Assessment Graduation Performance Requirement

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The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) presented to the State Board of Education on February 25, 2020 to retain the graduation requirement of achieving a 725 scaled score for *all* graduating classes on both the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) assessments in Algebra I and English language arts/literacy (ELA/L) 10. This recommendation was accepted by the State Board of Education. Therefore,

- all students who achieve a 725 scaled score on the Algebra I and English language arts/literacy (ELA/L) 10 assessments will meet the graduation assessment requirement.

For students in the graduating classes of 2019 – 2020 and 2020 – 2021 to meet the graduation assessment requirements for Algebra I and ELA/L 10 must:

- have passed the Algebra I and English 10 courses, and
- have taken the Algebra I and English Language Arts/Literacy 10 Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program tests\*.

\*The PARCC assessments for Algebra I and ELA/L 10 do satisfy this requirement.

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