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This newsletter is published by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and will provide Massachusetts educators with information, advice, and support to teach the Massachusetts learning standards to students with significant cognitive disabilities, and to conduct the MCAS Alternate Assessment.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

We appreciate that many teachers are concerned about completing and submitting their students' portfolios in light of the unprecedented impact of Covid-19 and the closure of schools.

Schools do NOT need to submit MCAS-Alt portfolios by April 3 and should NOT schedule any shipment pick-ups at this time! We will notify schools at a later date with further developments about portfolio submission.

Additionally, please do not attempt to meet with parents to review their child's portfolio and obtain a signature. Submission of a signed Verification Form will not be required this year.

We appreciate the diligence of teachers who may already have completed their students' portfolios or who are conscientiously working to finish them.

Thank you for your attention to this important information.

Materials and resources are available for review either on the [Department's MCAS-Alt web page](#) or the [MCAS-Alt materials site](#).

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