



## Gwinnett County Public Schools partners with MZ Development to provide platform for teacher scored performance assessments.

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### GCPS leverages OSCAR, the best-in-class technology platform for the evaluation and scoring of performance assessment items

**North Liberty, IA - September 19, 2018** – In October of 2017, Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS) selected MZ Development (MZ Dev) and their Online Scoring and Reporting platform (OSCAR) to serve performance scoring needs for the Gateway and CEPT Assessment.

GCPS was seeking a solution that delivered on the following criteria:

- Provide additional opportunities for teachers to play an active role in the assessment process
- Create a scalable solution that can be utilized in assessment programs across the district
- Allow for control and opportunity to optimize, improve and innovate processes
- Create additional opportunities for professional learning for GCPS teachers through training and scoring of performance assessments

As the partnership approaches the second year, work has transitioned from training, set-up and field testing to operational scoring. A process and schedule have been put in place in order to ensure a seamless transition as GCPS begins to introduce district teachers to the scoring process. Teacher scoring will provide professional learning and development for their district staff and streamline the workflow that will result in high-quality assessment scores.

MZ Development is proud to be working with the esteemed Gwinnett County Board of Education and share in their mission to pursue excellence in academic knowledge, skills and behavior for each student, resulting in measured improvement against local, national and world-class standards.

Gwinnett County Public Schools stated, “The partnership between MZ Development has been helpful as we continue to enhance our district’s balanced assessment program. It is our belief that involving teachers in the process of scoring is the key to aligning instruction to the expectations of these rigorous assessments. The flexible and on-site support provided by MZ Development has built the capacity of district leaders to effectively train our teachers. MZ Development invested the time to develop a deep understanding of the vision for our assessment program making them highly responsive to the needs of the district and fostering their ability to anticipate future possibilities.”

Gwinnett County Public Schools has joined a collection of key MZ Development customers to help further the development and adoption of OSCAR, the best-in-class hand-scoring (SaaS) platform in the industry. OSCAR was built out of the need to provide a flexible solution to accurately and efficiently evaluate performance assessment items.

Jeffrey Cuff, Chief Operations Officer for MZ Development stated, “We are absolutely thrilled to be working with Gwinnett County Public Schools to serve their requirements for performance task scoring with OSCAR, our online distributed scoring platform. Our team has been working closely with Gwinnett

over this last year to ensure they have the fastest, most accurate scoring solution on the market and continue to build out features and functionality that meet the ever-increasing needs for flexible and efficient evaluation and scoring of performance assessment items. We are eager to kick-off this next year of our successful partnership.”

#### **About Gwinnett County Public Schools**

Gwinnett County Public Schools, located in the metro Atlanta area, is the largest school system in Georgia and continues to grow. As a school system of choice, the finest teachers, involved parents, and a supportive community are key elements in the district's quest to become a system of world-class schools. In 2018-19, the school district is serving more than 180,000 students. One of every five Gwinnett County residents is a GCPS student. ([www.gwinnett.k12.ga.us](http://www.gwinnett.k12.ga.us))

#### **About MZ Development**

MZ Development is a dynamic and flexible organization focused on a single mission: to build a platform that delivers the most efficient and accurate solutions for performance assessment scoring and reporting. We enable our clients by providing cutting-edge technology to make performance scoring and reporting a simple experience, with rich results, in a more efficient manner than ever before.

MZ Dev developed OSCAR, a state-of-the-art, next-generation platform for online scoring and reporting that boasts a set of features to accommodate a variety of performance scoring requirements, while still achieving the primary goal of providing an accurate, simple, affordable solution. ([www.mzdevinc.com](http://www.mzdevinc.com))