



## **NWEA Appoints Abby Javurek as Senior Director of Large Scale Assessment Solutions**

*Previous Director of the Division of Accountability Systems for the South Dakota  
Department of Education Joins NWEA to Support Vision  
for Innovative State Assessments*

**Portland, Ore. – June 26, 2018** – [NWEA](#), the not-for-profit provider of assessment solutions, today announced the appointment of Abby Javurek as the organization’s new Senior Director of Large Scale Solutions, effective July 23.

The previous Director of the Division of Accountability Systems for the South Dakota Department of Education (DOE) and a national advocate for meaningful and equitable assessment, Javurek will be responsible for leading the organization’s strategic efforts across all aspects of product management for large scale assessment solutions to create solutions that are customer-centered, comprehensive, and supportive of the NWEA mission and market needs.

“Abby is an esteemed education professional with a passion for building equity-focused assessment systems, so we’re thrilled to welcome her to NWEA,” said Chris Minnich, CEO of NWEA. “Her background and extensive, prior experience will bring enormous value to fulfilling our vision for truly innovative, student-focused assessments that meet the needs of states and large educational entities.”

Javurek brings extensive experience in formative and summative assessment, K-12 and higher education accountability systems, and data analysis to her role at NWEA. As Director of the Division of Accountability Systems for the South Dakota DOE, she oversaw the offices of Assessment; Certification; Accreditation; and Data Management. Javurek is recognized for her work leading the state of South Dakota’s transition to next generation assessment; the overhaul of the state educator licensure system; the development of the state’s ESSA plan; and the creation of interactive school report cards. Javurek is also the outgoing chair of the [Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium’s](#) Executive Committee, for which she served in an executive leadership capacity since 2015.

“I’m excited to join the tremendous team at NWEA, an organization that is well positioned to help states solve their biggest educational challenges, and to make the assessment field as a whole, stronger,” said Javurek. “As an educator and education policy maker, I’ve been a strong advocate for assessments that are meaningful to the classroom and ensure equity for all students. I look forward to working with the team at NWEA to create assessments that support teachers and help all students succeed.”

Javurek holds Masters degrees in Sociology and Industrial Engineering, and a certification in Systems Engineering from New Mexico State University, and will soon complete a Ph.D. in Political Science with an emphasis on Public Education Policy at the University of South Dakota.

**About NWEA**

NWEA® is a mission-driven, not-for-profit organization that supports students and educators worldwide by creating assessment solutions that precisely measure growth and proficiency—and provide insights to help tailor instruction. Educators in more than 9,500 schools, districts, and education agencies in 145 countries rely on our flagship interim assessment, MAP® Growth™; our progress monitoring and skills mastery tool, MAP® Skills™; and our reading fluency and comprehension assessment, MAP® Reading Fluency™. Visit [NWEA.org](https://www.nwea.org) to find out how NWEA can partner with you to help all kids learn.

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