

# Maintaining Calm During Spring Assessments and Celebrating Success

A NASS Leadership Lens

*“Tests measure performance—not potential.”* — Unknown

## **Narrative Reflection:**

Spring assessments are a reality of the school year, but they do not define the totality of learning. Superintendents influence how testing is experienced by reinforcing perspective, calm, and balance.

Leadership that communicates confidence and steadiness reduces anxiety and supports healthy climate. Equally important is taking time to recognize growth—academic, social, and organizational—across the year.

Celebration matters. Recognizing effort and progress reminds students and staff that learning is broader than any single measure.

## **Leadership Toolkit: Leading Through Assessment Season**

- Reinforce calm and perspective
- Communicate balanced expectations
- Celebrate growth and effort

## **Reflection Prompt:**

How are you helping your community keep assessments in perspective while celebrating success?

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