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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** School District Superintendents,  
SUS College of Education Deans,  
Educator Preparation Institute Directors and Coordinators, and  
Florida School District Staff Development Directors

**FROM:** Pam Stewart

**DATE:** October 21, 2013

**SUBJECT: Updates for the Florida Teacher Certification Examinations Program**

The purpose of this memorandum is to remind you of upcoming changes to the Florida Teacher Certification Examinations (FTCE) program outlined in a paperless memorandum that was issued June 5, 2013, as well as to notify you of the publication of new versions of FTCE test information guides.

New test forms for English 6-12 and Middle Grades English 5-9 will be administered beginning March 2014. New test information guides for both subject areas will be published in October 2013 on the website of the department's testing contractor ([http://www.fl.nesinc.com/FL\\_TIGS.asp](http://www.fl.nesinc.com/FL_TIGS.asp)). The current test information guides will be available through February 28, 2014.

A new test structure for Elementary Education K-6 will be implemented beginning May 2014. Examinees who take the examination must pass all four subtests in order to pass the subject area examination. These new passing requirements are similar to the requirements of the new Prekindergarten/Primary PK-3 examination.

The current General Knowledge test will be administered until April 30, 2014. Administration of the new General Knowledge test will begin May 2014. In order for examinees to fulfill certification requirements for mastery of basic skills, combinations of passing scores from the

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CLAST, the current General Knowledge test, and the new General Knowledge test will continue to be accepted by the Bureau of Educator Certification until a date to be determined.

New test information guides for both the General Knowledge test and Elementary Education K-6 will be published in January 2014, with the current test information guides available through April 30, 2014, on the [website](#) of the department's testing contractor.

I encourage you to distribute the above information to the appropriate school district, university and college personnel. If you have any questions, please contact Phil Canto at 850-245-0513 or [Phil.Canto@fldoe.org](mailto:Phil.Canto@fldoe.org).

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