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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Pam Stewart, Commissioner of Education

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SUBJECT: New Postsecondary Education Readiness Test Mathematics Comparative Score for the Algebra 1 End-of-Course Assessment

The purpose of this memorandum is to announce that the Florida Department of Education, after conducting a linking study, recommended a comparative score for the Algebra 1 End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment to the State Board of Education in September, and the recommended score was approved by the board. The new score that may be used to satisfy the Algebra 1 EOC Assessment portion of a student's graduation requirements is a score of **97** on the mathematics portion of the Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (PERT). Please remember that students enrolled in and completing Algebra 1 or an equivalent course must participate in the EOC assessment, even if they have a PERT comparative score on file.

The document, Graduation Requirements for Florida Statewide Assessments, posted at <http://fcats.fldoe.org/pdf/fcatspass.pdf>, has been updated to reflect this change. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we worked to ensure that the comparative score used for graduation is an acceptable measure of the level of performance expected on the Algebra 1 EOC Assessment.

Please communicate this information to school staff and interested citizens in your district.

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cc: School District Assessment Coordinators