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MEMORANDUM

TO: District School Superintendents

FROM: Pam Stewart

DATE: November 13, 2012

SUBJECT: End-of-Course (EOC) Assessments Administration Survey

The purpose of this memorandum is to ask you to complete a survey regarding Florida End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment administrations. Florida Statute 1008.22(3)(c)2.a.(I) states, "Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, the end-of-course assessment in Algebra 1 shall be administered four times annually." Although the Department did not implement this requirement this school year, if funded, this requirement will be implemented for the 2013-2014 school year. We would like feedback from school districts regarding the scheduling of a fourth EOC assessment administration.

In addition, we would also like to know your district's recommended dates if the 2013 summer EOC administration schedule were to be revised. Although last year's schedule was established after receiving feedback from many districts, concerns were expressed after the administration because scores were reported for many students several days after the beginning of the school year, and it was difficult for schools to make placement decisions without knowing if those students had passed the assessment. The currently-published 2013 summer schedule will likely encounter the same issue, and since this past summer was the first summer EOC administration, we wanted to give you the opportunity to propose alternate administration dates after considering your district's experience. Please note that, based on previous reporting timelines, the 2013 summer results will likely be reported on or around August 23, 2013.

Please consider the following as you prepare to complete the survey:

- The established winter and spring administration dates will not change (December 2-20, 2013, and April 28 - May 23, 2014). Consider the proximity of proposed dates to the winter and spring dates to allow adequate time for remediation between administrations.
- Although the statute only mentions Algebra 1, the current plan is that the fourth administration will include all EOC assessments.
- Scores for EOC assessments are typically reported approximately two weeks after the end of the statewide administration window.
- EOC assessments are computer-based tests. Schools will need to have technology and space available for testing during the established windows.

You may access the survey at http://goo.gl/sw21z. Please consult with the curriculum and assessment supervisors in your district to arrive at suggested dates and complete one form for your district no later than November 28, 2012.

Thank you for taking the time to provide us with this valuable feedback as we strive to establish test administration schedules that best serve schools and students in our state.

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cc: District Assessment Coordinators
District Curriculum Contacts