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MEMORANDUM

TO: District School Superintendents

FROM: Dr. Eric J. Smith, Commissioner of Education

DATE: July 30, 2009

SUBJECT: 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 Statewide Assessment Schedules

We want to thank you and everyone in your district who contributed to making the 2008-2009 statewide assessment program successful. Your continued feedback has been valuable in improving Florida's program, and we look forward to a continued open line of communication.

Attached to this memorandum, you will find both the 2009-2010 and the 2010-2011 statewide assessment schedules. Please note that the administration dates in spring 2011 are later in the school year than in previous years, due to section 1008.22(3)(c)12, Florida Statutes, which requires that Florida test reading, mathematics, and science no earlier than the week of April 15 each year, beginning with the 2010-2011 school year. In order to continue to report results in a timeframe that will meet your needs, particularly for retake and grade 3 students, we are adjusting the schedule to test retake students outside the traditional two-week window, and will be completing grade 3 testing by April 26. Other grade levels will complete science and make-up testing by April 29. As always, we appreciate your efforts to ensure that materials are returned for scoring as scheduled, so that the reporting of your student results will not be delayed.

Please share these schedules with schools and community groups in your district as soon as possible. If you have questions or concerns regarding the FCAT schedules, please contact LynnAnn Tabeling, Director of Test Administration, at 850.245.0513 or LynnAnn.Tabeling@fldoe.org. Questions relating to NAEP should be directed to Michele Sonnenfeld, NAEP Coordinator, at 850.245.0787 or Michele.Sonnenfeld@fldoe.org.

Attachments

cc: Assistant Superintendents for Instruction
District Assessment Coordinators
District Accountability Coordinators