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TO: District Superintendents
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SUBJECT: Dates of Elementary- and Intermediate-Level State Assessments
for the 2009-10 School Year

2009-10 School Year Assessment Administration Dates *		
Examination	Administration Dates	Makeup Dates
Grades 3, 4 & 5 English Language Arts	Monday, January 11 – Friday, January 15 [±]	Tuesday, January 19 – Friday, January 22 [^]
Grades 6, 7 & 8 English Language Arts	Tuesday, January 19 – Friday, January 22 [±]	Monday, January 25 – Friday, January 29 [^]
Grades 3, 4 & 5 Mathematics	Monday, March 1 – Friday, March 5 [±]	Monday, March 8 – Friday, March 12 [^]
Grades 6, 7 & 8 Mathematics	Monday, March 8 – Friday, March 12 [±]	Monday, March 15 – Friday, March 19 [^]
Grade 4 Science Written & Performance Test	Wednesday, April 7 – Friday, May 7	Thursday, April 8 – Friday, May 7
Grade 8 Science Performance Test	Wednesday, April 7 – Friday, May 7	Thursday, April 8 – Friday, May 7
Grade 8 Science Written Test	Wednesday, April 28 – Friday, May 7	Thursday, April 29 – Friday, May 7
Grade 5 Social Studies	Wednesday, November 18 – Thursday, November 19	Friday, November 20 – Tuesday, November 24
Grade 8 Social Studies	Thursday, June 3 – Friday, June 4	Monday, June 7 – Wednesday, June 9
NYS Alternate Assessment (NYSAA) [□]	Monday, October 5 – Friday, February 12	Not Applicable
NYSESLAT: Speaking	Monday, April 12 – Friday, May 14	Tuesday, April 13 – Friday, May 14
NYSESLAT: Reading, Writing, Listening	Monday, May 3 – Friday, May 14	Tuesday, May 4 – Friday, May 14

* The Department consulted with various groups representing both public and nonpublic schools for input on the dates in this testing calendar. A concerted effort has been made to avoid scheduling State examinations on days of religious observance. Because each of these tests has scheduled makeup dates, no student should miss the opportunity to participate in these tests should the initial test administration in any school take place on a day of religious observance.

± Schools must arrange to administer the English Language Arts and Mathematics Tests to students during the specified administration week for the test. Within each grade, schools are to administer the test on the same day to all students except for students who are absent. Schools may schedule the tests for different grades on different sets of days within the specified week; for example, the school may administer the Grade 3 Mathematics Test on Monday, March 1, and Tuesday, March 2, while administering the Grade 5 Mathematics Test on Thursday, March 4, and Friday, March 5.

^ The makeup week, which immediately follows the administration week, is to be used for administering makeup tests to students who were absent during the primary administration week. The makeup week can also be used to complete the initial administration in schools that were closed due to inclement weather or other unexpected events for one or more days of the primary test administration week. Makeup testing may begin during the primary administration week on any days that remain following the school's completion of initial testing and must be completed no later than the last day of the makeup week.

□ This datafolio assessment is administered during the same administration dates to elementary-, intermediate-, and secondary-level students with severe cognitive disabilities.