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TO: All Principals

FROM: Judith Klinek, Chief Academic Officer 

SUBJECT: FY2012 DISTRICT DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENT PROGRAM – INFORMATION ONLY

In order to better prepare students for the 2012 Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT), FCAT 2.0 and End of Course (EOC) exams, the FY2012 District Diagnostic Testing Program will be administered in the same format as state administered tests. The Grade 6 and 10 Reading, EOC, and Retake diagnostic tests will be administered as computer based tests (C) through the CORE K12 assessment system. All other tests will be paper based (P) as noted in the table below.

FY 12 Diagnostic Test Administration Format						
	READING		MATH		SCIENCE	
Grade	FCAT	FCAT 2.0	FCAT	FCAT 2.0	FCAT	FCAT 2.0
2*		P		P		
3		P		P		P
4		P		P		P
5		P		P		P
6		C		P		P
7		P		P		P
8		P		P		P
9		P				
10		C				
FCAT 2.0 Retake		C				
FCAT Retake	C		C			
EOC Algebra 1				C		
EOC Geometry				C		
EOC Biology						C

*Grade 2 mathematics and reading diagnostic tests administered in winter and spring only.

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Below are the testing windows for the FY12 Diagnostic Tests:

	Fall	Winter	Spring
Elementary (2-5)*	8/29/11 – 9/2/11	12/5/11 – 12/8/11	4/30/12 – 5/4/12
Secondary (6-12)	9/16/11 – 9/27/11	1/10/12 – 1/20/12	

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Fall - Elementary Diagnostic Testing Timeline

Testing window	8/29/11 – 9/2/11
Test booklets delivered	8/17/11 – 8/22/11
Answer sheets delivered	8/24/11 – 8/25/11
Answer sheets to TDC	9/2/11

Fall - Secondary Diagnostic Testing Timeline

Testing window	9/16/11 – 9/27/11
Pre-grid options due	8/31/11
Test booklets delivered	8/30/11 – 9/2/11
Answer sheets delivered	9/13/11 – 9/14/11
Answer sheets to TDC	9/27/11

The tests are designed to allow for scheduling flexibility. Scheduling options should reflect the school's state assessment administration strategies: a) test in large groups, b) test by selected groups, c) test during part of a class, d) administer sections of test in multiple sessions, or e) any other scenario that would be the most appropriate to the school. Scheduling options can differ for the Reading, Mathematics or Science administration.


Important to remember:

- All Diagnostic tests administered through CORE K12 must be administered online except for students with accommodations
- All Diagnostic tests administered through CORE K12 require an access code that will be emailed to the school test coordinator and principal of each school the week prior to the testing window
- To request testing materials for students with accommodations, please contact Cherie Boone at the Test Distribution Center (TDC): 684-5155/PX 48855.

Additional information about the computer based diagnostic tests delivered through the CORE K12 assessment system will be provided in a separate bulletin.

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Approved:



William F. Malone, Superintendent

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