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TO: All Department Heads

FROM: Judith Klinek, Chief Academic Officer 

SUBJECT: **FLORIDA COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT TEST (FCAT) BLACKOUT
PERIOD FOR DISTRICT AND AREA OFFICE PERSONNEL**

ACTION BY:
High Schools –
February 20 – April 24, 2012
Elementary and Middle Schools –
February 20 – May 1, 2012

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform district and area office personnel of the requirement to assist schools during preparation, administration, and return of FCAT materials. The FY2012 FCAT blackout period for high schools, begins February 20, 2012 and ends April 24, 2012. The FY2012 FCAT blackout period for elementary and middle schools begins February 20, 2012 and ends May 1, 2012.

To assist schools throughout the blackout period **District and area staff MUST**

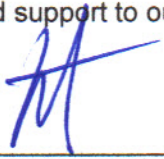
- reschedule any activities that are already planned for school-based personnel during the blackout period;
- avoid scheduling any activities for any school-based personnel during the blackout period;
- clear department calendars in order to assist schools with pre-, during, and post-testing activities;
- volunteer to be in schools during peak activity times; and
- avoid scheduling activities for high schools on April 23, 2012, and for elementary and middle schools on April 30 and May 1, 2012, which would interfere with the FCAT packing teams.

Your support and presence at our schools is vitally important throughout the testing period. Additional information regarding assistance to schools during pre- and post- testing activities will be provided as it becomes available.

Thank you for your continued support to our schools.

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Approved:



E. Wayne Gent, Superintendent

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