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ACTION BY:
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TO: All High School Principals

FROM: Judith Klinek, Chief Academic Officer 

SUBJECT: Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (P.E.R.T.) Administration

On June 17, 2011 the Legislature passed House Bill 1255 which provides revisions to section 1008.30, Florida Statutes, entitled *Common placement testing for public postsecondary education*. Beginning in FY2012, school districts will be required to evaluate the college readiness of Grade 11 students by administering the P.E.R.T.

The P.E.R.T. is Florida's new common placement test that has been developed to align with the *Postsecondary Readiness Competencies* that Florida's faculty have identified as necessary for success in entry level college credit coursework. There are three P.E.R.T. subtests to determine college readiness; reading, writing and mathematics. Each subtest is a computer-based, computer-adaptive, and untimed 30 item test.

As a result of House Bill 1255, all Grade 11 students who scored:

- Level 2 or 3 on the Grade 10 FCAT 2.0 Reading will be required to take the PERT Reading and Writing subtests
 - Unless they have previously scored at least 440 on SAT Verbal or 17 on ACT English and 18 on ACT Reading.
- Level 2, 3, or 4 on the Grade 10 FCAT Mathematics will be required to take the PERT Mathematics subtest
 - Unless they have previously scored at least 440 on SAT Math or 19 on ACT Math.

To assist schools in identifying students who are required to take the P.E.R.T., an EDW report has been developed for your use.

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The path to the report in **New EDW** is:

Families>>Test Results and Other Assessment Information>>PERT>>Students Required to Take PERT-RTTYA0517

The P.E.R.T. testing window will open January 10, 2012 and will close February 29, 2012. P.E.R.T. testing administration training for school testing coordinators is scheduled December 12 or 13, 2011. Registration is available on Course Registration.

Additional information on P.E.R.T. testing results as well as student and school expectations towards meeting college readiness will be provided in a subsequent bulletin. The Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) has developed a P.E.R.T. Frequently Asked Questions and a Study Guide which are available at: <http://www.fldoe.org/cc/pert.asp>.

For additional support with P.E.R.T. testing administration contact the Department of Research, Evaluation, and Assessment.

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Approved: _____
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