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TO: All Principals

FROM: Judith Klinek, Chief Academic Officer 

SUBJECT: 2010 FLORIDA COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT TEST (FCAT) SAMPLE MATERIALS

The Department of Assessment will deliver sample test materials to schools for all students in grades 3 through 11 by January 22, 2010. The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) developed these materials to help students prepare to answer FCAT-like questions. The materials are grade-level and subject-area specific and introduce the types of items found on the FCAT. Since the materials are intended for actual test preparation, the FDOE provides the materials in English only. Keys to the FCAT sample test materials will no longer be available.

Included in the materials are

- Directions for using the materials;
- Sample questions;
- Hints for taking the test;
- Instructions on the various item types;
- Descriptions of question symbols;
- Calculator instructions (for grades 7 through 10 Mathematics and grades 8 and 11 Science);
- Reference sheets (for grades 6 through 10 Mathematics and grades 8 and 11 Science).

Schools are responsible for using the sample materials to prepare students for the FCAT between the day the materials are received at the school and at least one week prior to the March 2010 test administration, as noted in the FDOE's Test Administration Manual - Reading, Mathematics, and Science. Each school may determine how to integrate the sample materials into its schedule. Schools are encouraged to send the sample materials home to families after students have used them at school.

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