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**ACTION BY:**  
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**TO:** All Principals  
All Department Heads

**FROM:** Ann Killets, Chief Learning Officer *AK*

**SUBJECT: FLORIDA COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT TEST (FCAT) BLACKOUT PERIOD**

The FCAT blackout period will be from February 28, 2011 – April 29, 2011. To assist schools during preparation, administration, and return of the FCAT, district and area staff MUST do the following:

- Reschedule all activities that are already planned for school-based personnel during the blackout period;
- Do not schedule activities for any school-based personnel during the blackout period;
- Clear department calendars in order to assist schools with pre-testing and post-testing activities;
- Volunteer to be in schools during peak activity times.

The support and presence of district staff at our schools is vitally important during this assessment time. Additional information regarding assistance to schools during pre-test and post-test activities will be provided as it becomes available.

Thank you for your continued support to our schools.

ACJ/AK/JK/MB/BT:ts

Approved:   
Arthur C. Johnson, Ph.D., Superintendent

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