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TO: District Superintendents  
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SUBJECT: New Audio/PDF Files for Scorer Training

Starting this school year, PDF files of exemplars with associated audio files will be posted on CTB/McGraw-Hill's New York State web site, [www.ctb.com/nys](http://www.ctb.com/nys). These will be posted at the same time that the Questions and Answers for Scoring are posted, at 10 a.m. on the last day of each test administration makeup period. The PDF files and associated audio files are being provided instead of the scoring DVDs that were used in previous years.

Audio and PDF files will be available for downloading at any Internet-connected computer. Users will be able to listen to and view them "live", or to save them for review at a more convenient time. The audio files will be provided in different formats so they can be played through Windows Media Player, MP3 players, MACs or iPods. PDFs can be opened and printed on any Internet-connected computer that has Adobe Acrobat Reader installed. If the Acrobat Reader is not already installed on the computer, the user may download it from: <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>.

The printed scoring materials provided for the Grades 3-8 English Language Arts and Mathematics Tests will be delivered in much the same manner as in past years. The complete schedule for the administration and scoring of these examinations may be accessed at: <http://emsc.nysed.gov/osa/sched.html>.

Thank you for your efforts in arranging for the administration and scoring of the Grades 3-8 English Language Arts and Mathematics Tests.