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TO: District Superintendents
Superintendents of Schools
Administrators of Public, Charter, and Nonpublic Schools

FROM: David Abrams 

SUBJECT: Adjustment to the Testing Schedule for the Grade 8 Intermediate-Level
Social Studies Test Provided in Response to H1N1 Flu-Related School Closings

With the help of school officials, we have been closely monitoring the impact of the H1N1 flu. We understand that in a small number of schools the H1N1 flu is interfering with the administration of the June 2009 New York State Grade 8 Intermediate-Level Social Studies Test. Recognizing the needs of students, the Department is providing an adjustment in the scheduling of this test at the affected schools. Only those schools that experience an H1N1 flu-related closing for one or more days during the official testing period for the Grade 8 Intermediate-Level Social Studies Test, (June 2-9, 2009), may extend the test administration and makeup period for a maximum of five school days from the date that the school resumes classes following the school closing. All testing in the affected schools must be completed no later than Friday, June 19, 2009.

Please note that to take advantage of this scheduling adjustment affected schools must notify their District Superintendent and the Office of State Assessment at emsctesting@mail.nysed.gov.

Please direct any questions that arise in connection with this adjustment to the Office of State Assessment at emsctesting@mail.nysed.gov.

We are grateful for your continued support and appreciate your continued cooperation in helping us to better serve the students of New York State in the face of this ongoing health concern. We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with you.

c: Johanna Duncan-Poitier