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

From: David Abrams 

Subject: Adjustments to Testing Schedules Provided in
Response to H1N1 Flu-Related School Closings

We understand that the H1N1 flu has interfered with the administration of certain State tests. The Department is making possible the following scheduling accommodations for those schools that closed one or more days. Please note that the scheduling accommodations apply **only** to schools that were officially closed due to the H1N1 flu. To take advantage of this option, affected schools need to notify their District Superintendent and the Office of State Assessment at emsctesting@mail.nysed.gov.

Grades 4 and 8 Science Tests

Schools that experience an H1N1 flu-related closing during the standard testing periods for these examinations may extend the test administration and makeup periods for a maximum of five days from the date that the school resumes classes following the school closing. All testing must be completed no later than Friday, May 22, 2009.

New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT)

Schools that experience an H1N1 flu-related closing during the standard testing period for this examination may extend the test administration and makeup periods for a maximum of five days from the date that the school resumes classes following the school closing. All testing must be completed no later than Friday, May 29, 2009.

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

We appreciate your continued cooperation in helping us to better serve the students of New York State in the face of this existing health concern.

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