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TO: District Superintendents
Superintendents of Public and Nonpublic Schools
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SUBJECT: New York State Testing Program Cost Reduction Strategies

At their June 22, 2010 meeting, the Board of Regents approved strategies to achieve cost reductions in the New York State Testing Program. Starting with the 2010-11 school year:

- Component Retesting for high school Math and English exams will be eliminated.
- The 5th and 8th grade Social Studies examinations will be eliminated.
- Scoring-related materials will be posted on the Department's web site (effective August 2010).

Please direct any questions that you may have to the Office of State Assessment at emscassessinfo@mail.nysed.gov. We will continue to keep you informed as additional information becomes available. Your support and cooperation with the administration of the New York State Testing Program are welcomed and appreciated.