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**TO:** District Superintendents  
Superintendents of Schools  
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**FROM:** David Abrams 

**SUBJECT:** Age Ranges for Students with Disabilities Participating in the 2010-11  
New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA)

NYSAA is a datafolio assessment that measures the progress of students with severe disabilities in achieving the learning standards through alternate grade level indicators. All students in the following age ranges who are eligible to take NYSAA must be tested in 2010-11. Students with disabilities participating in the NYSAA are assessed according to chronological ages aligned with grade levels as indicated below. Students should be tested only once at each grade and in all the content areas indicated for each grade. **Please note: The table below has been revised since Grades 5 and 8 Social Studies are no longer assessed.**

<b>Age Ranges for Testing on NYSAA in 2010–11</b>		
<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Birth Date</b>	<b>Reaches Age Given Between September 1, 2010 and August 31, 2011</b>
Grade 3 ELA, Mathematics	September 1, 2001—August 31, 2002	9
Grade 4 ELA, Mathematics, Science	September 1, 2000—August 31, 2001	10
Grade 5 ELA, Mathematics	September 1, 1999—August 31, 2000	11
Grade 6 ELA, Mathematics	September 1, 1998—August 31, 1999	12
Grade 7 ELA, Mathematics	September 1, 1997—August 31, 1998	13
Grade 8 ELA, Mathematics, Science	September 1, 1996—August 31, 1997	14
Secondary-Level ELA, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies	September 1, 1992—August 31, 1993	18*

\*Note: NYSAA-eligible students who do not meet the age criteria above and will be leaving school before they reach their eighteenth birthday must take the secondary-level NYSAA

before they leave school (i.e., when they are 17 years old). NYSAA-eligible students with a birth date prior to September 1, 1992 who have not been assessed at the secondary-level must be assessed in 2010-11 before they leave school.

Please contact Cynthia Wilson at 518-474-5900 if you have any questions regarding the age ranges for students participating in the NYSAA.

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