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TO: District Superintendents
Superintendents of Public and Nonpublic Schools
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SUBJECT: January 2009 Regents Examination Schedule

The January 2009 Regents Examination schedule was carefully constructed in an effort to make the schedule as conducive to student achievement as possible and to minimize the number of instances in which a student might be expected to take two examinations at the same time. Special attention was given to providing the best possible testing schedule for limited English proficient/English language learners and students with disabilities, many of whom are allowed extended time for each examination they take. Subsequently, we have scheduled the Regents Examinations in social studies and English, which contain significant essay components, on separate days.

Please note that an additional scheduling option is available for any high school student whose Individualized Education Program or Section 504 Accommodation Plan requires extended time as a testing accommodation and who is scheduled to take a Regents Competency Test (RCT) on the same day as another State examination. To address such conflicts, the school may consider rescheduling an RCT for a student. The RCT would be administered to the student on the next available school day during that examination period on which this student has no other State examination scheduled. This option is not permitted for Regents Examinations. The administration of all Regents Examinations must occur on the date indicated on the official schedule distributed by the Office of State Assessment. Please refer to Appendix III of *Regents Examinations, Regents Competency Tests, and Second Language Proficiency Examinations, School Administrator's Manual, 2008 Edition*, for detailed instructions that schools must strictly observe to reschedule an RCT to the next available school day. This appendix may be accessed at <http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/osa/sam/secondary/sam08-s07/section7c.html#appendix3>. For questions about the RCT rescheduling option, you may contact VESID's Special Education Policy Unit at 518-473-2878.