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Dear Colleagues:

The 2009–10 Grades 3–8 New York State Testing Program (NYSTP) English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics assessment results will be available to districts and schools on **July 26, 2010** at 11 am.

Statewide results will be released to the public during a news conference on **July 28, 2010**. ***Prior to this news conference, the results for districts and schools are embargoed from public release.***

Release of NYSTP ELA and Mathematics Results

Using the nySTART Interactive Reports (“Guided Analysis”), authorized users will be able to access summary results for grades 3–8 NYSTP ELA and mathematics assessments at the district and school levels, aggregated by race/ethnicity, gender, disability, limited English proficiency, and economic status. In addition, individual student results will be available, including scale and mean scale scores, performance levels, and standard performance indices based on the Learning Standards. These data will also be available in the Accountability Verification Reports, which you can access through the Level 2 reporting environment, using the web links provided by your regional Level 1 data center. nySTART verification reports and preview Accountability and Overview Reports (preAORs) will be disabled on July 26 and re-enabled July 28, 2010.

2009–10 Data Verification and 2010–11 Accountability Determinations

As a reminder, data in Level 2 of the Student Information Repository System (SIRS) on July 30, 2010 will be used to make high school accountability determinations available to schools and districts prior to the start of the school year. School districts will receive a deadline from their local data center that will be prior to July 30, 2010, to allow sufficient time for data processing. High school preAORs will be refreshed weekly from July 1 until August 3, 2010. The August 3, 2010 preAOR will reflect data in SIRS on July 30. By August 6, a signed 2009–10 Statement of Certification of Verification Reports form is due to the Level 1 data centers. This form, which contains a list of all reports for which data must be verified, can be found at <http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/irts/nystart/certification.html>.

Based on the planned adjustment to the grades 3–8 assessment program (<http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/irts/ARay/DearColleaguesRescheduleof3-8Scores6-3-10.pdf>), the Department is requesting an extension from the United States Education Department (USED) to allow additional time for schools and districts to provide final

certification of elementary/middle-level data for the 2009–10 school year. If this extension is granted, the Department will be producing one preAOR that includes elementary/middle-level data in August and then one weekly beginning September 16 until the final reporting deadline.

If you have questions about this information, please contact the Office of Information and Reporting Services by phone (518-474-7965) or e-mail (dataquest@mail.nysed.gov). You may also contact your Regional Information Center or Big 5 Data Coordinator if you have questions about data contained in the SIRS. Thank you for all your work on behalf of all the students of our State.

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