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TO: District Superintendents
Superintendents of Schools
Principals of Public, Religious, and Independent Schools
Leaders of Charter Schools

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SUBJECT: Spring 2021 Grade 4 Elementary- Level Science Test

This memorandum provides you with essential information regarding an update to the 2020-21 Elementary- and Intermediate-Level Testing Schedule.

The last administration of the Grade 4 Elementary-Level Science Test was scheduled for June 2020. Due to school and district closures during the 2019-20 school year related to COVID-19, the last administration of the Grade 4 Elementary-Level Science Test will now take place in Spring 2021.

The June 2021 Grade 4 Elementary-Level Science Test will be aligned to the Core Curriculum. The first administration of the new Grade 5 and Grade 8 Science Tests aligned to the NYS P-12 Science Learning Standards will now take place in June 2023.

The June 2021 Grade 4 Elementary-Level Science Test administration dates and make-up dates are included on the updated [2020-21 Elementary-and Intermediate-Level Testing Schedule](#) posted on the Office of State Assessment website and are shown below.

2020–21 School Year

Operational Test	Administration Dates	Make-up Dates	Scoring Dates	Final Dates to Submit Answer Sheets to Scanning Centers
Grade 4 Science Performance Test	Tuesday, May 25 – Friday, June 4	Make-ups must be given within the testing window	Scoring may start immediately following administration.	Thursday, June 17
Grade 8 Science Performance Test	Tuesday, May 25 – Friday, June 4	Make-ups must be given within the testing window	Scoring may start immediately following administration.	Thursday, June 17
Grade 4 Science Written Test	Monday, June 7	Tuesday, June 8 – Wednesday, June 9	Following make-up dates, but no later than Thursday, June 17	Thursday, June 17
Grade 8 Science Written Test	Monday, June 7	Tuesday, June 8 – Wednesday, June 9	Following make-up dates, but no later than Thursday, June 17	Thursday, June 17