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SUBJECT: Extension of the time allowable for moving students enrolled in Algebra I,
English I, Geometry, and Algebra II

State Board of Education (SBE) policy HSP-C-003 (16 NCAC 6D.0305), delineating the use of end-of-course tests for accountability, states that students may drop a course with an end-of-course (EOC) assessment within the first 10 days of a block schedule. The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction recognizes that the recent release of the fall 2006 test scores for Algebra I, English I, Geometry, and Algebra II may impact some student placement decisions made prior to the receipt of these scores.

In order to ensure that schools can make the best instructional decisions for their students, the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction is extending the time allowable for dropping students who the schools determine, when considering the delayed test scores, are now inappropriately placed. The new deadline to drop students who are inappropriately enrolled in spring 2007 Algebra I, English I, Geometry, or Algebra II courses is February 28, 2007. This extension does not affect students who are appropriately enrolled in the aforementioned courses or enrolled in other courses. Please contact Sarah McManus at smcmanus@dpi.state.nc.us if you have any questions regarding this extension.

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