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TO: Superintendents
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SUBJECT: SBE Approved Extending the EOC and EOG Testing Windows for Spring
2007

During the 2007 Accountability Conference, LEAs expressed concerns regarding scheduling EOC and EOG assessments within the existing testing windows. In particular, retesting required in implementing the new High School Exit Standards, the extended time needed by some students to complete their EOC or EOG assessments, the addition of EOG science testing, and retesting required by the Student Accountability Standards policy were cited as causing scheduling problems for the LEAs. During the conference, LEAs were asked to volunteer to participate in the Spring 2007 EOC Comparability Study that requires students to take both the paper and pencil EOC and an online version of the EOC. LEAs interested in participating in the study requested an extension of the EOC testing window.

To address the concerns regarding the length of the EOC and EOG testing windows, the NCDPI asked the SBE to extend the spring 2007 testing window. On April 5, the State Board of Education voted to extend the spring 2007 EOC and EOG testing window by up to seven school days to provide flexibility to those LEAs that need it. LEAs must consider the educational needs of their students and the impact on instruction prior to deciding to take advantage of this flexibility. The NCDPI will evaluate the impact of the extension and work with the SBE to look for a long term solution to these scheduling difficulties. Please contact your Regional Accountability Coordinator if you have any questions regarding this extension.

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