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**TO:** Principals of Public and Nonpublic Schools  
Leaders of Charter Schools

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**SUBJECT:** Clarification on an Administrative Procedure for the June 2017  
Regents Examinations and Regents Competency Tests

This memorandum provides clarification regarding the guidance on page 7 of the [Directions for Administering the Regents Examinations, June and August 2017 Administrations](#), under item 7 "Preserving the Integrity of the Test Materials."

As stated in these directions, "Staff is not permitted to discuss test questions or other specific test content with others online via e-mail or LISTSERV, or through any other electronic means prior to or during the test administration period or until one week after the conclusion of the examination period. For June 2017, the administration period ends June 23; therefore, the specific test content must not be discussed or shared electronically prior to June 30, 2017."

This instruction was first instituted with the January 2017 Regents Examinations directions for administration and was included for the June 2017 administration out of consideration for those students across the State who are participating in the June exams with the accommodation of multiple-day testing. Everyone's cooperation with this rule helps to preserve the integrity of the assessments taken by these students over multiple school days so that they can complete the exams at a pace appropriate for them. Avoiding public discussion of specific test content over electronic media affords those students an equal opportunity to demonstrate what they know and are able to do.

After careful consideration, we are amending the directions as follows: for those tests regularly scheduled for administration between Tuesday, June 13 and Friday, June 16, staff may discuss specific test content by electronic means at any time on or after the Rating Day, Friday, June 23. For those tests regularly scheduled for administration between Monday, June 19 and Thursday, June 22, staff may discuss specific test content by electronic means beginning Tuesday, June 27. We believe that nearly all students who are testing with this accommodation will have completed their exams by these dates.

Please note that this instruction does not limit educators' ability or permission to discuss test questions among themselves, with their students who have fully completed the test, or with others during an in-person discussion, or to share with the Department any concern they have regarding any of the specific test content.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.