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

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SUBJECT: 2023–24 Elementary- and Intermediate-level Testing Schedule

In the June 2022, [Statewide Implementation of Computer-Based Testing memorandum](#), the New York State Education Department set forth details regarding plans to fully transition to computer-based testing (CBT) for the Grades 3–8 English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics Tests and the Elementary-level (Grade 5) and Intermediate-level (Grade 8) Science Tests. In Spring 2024, all students in Grades 5 and 8 will be required to take ELA, mathematics, and science Tests via CBT. The other grade levels may also participate in CBT, but paper-based testing will still be available for these students.

One of the benefits that comes with the implementation of computer-based testing is greater flexibility with the testing schedule. For the 2023–24 school year, there will be a singular multiple-week window to administer the Grades 3–8 ELA and Mathematics Computer-based Tests and the Grades 5 & 8 Science Computer-based Tests. The expanded computer-based testing window also provides greater flexibility to schools that do not wish to test during the April 8 solar eclipse and those that may close for the observance of Eid al-Fitr. Schools that are offering only paper-based tests for Grades 3, 4, 6, and/or 7 and are closed on Wednesdays.

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