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MEMORANDUM

To: District Assessment Coordinators

FROM: Mary Ann Cleveland, Production Manager
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DATE OF E-MAIL: August 1, 2011

SUBJECT: 2011 FCAT Writing Anchor Sets

The released 2011 FCAT Writing Anchor sets for grades 4, 8, and 10 are now available on the Florida Department of Education website at http://fcat.fldoe.org/11writing_anchorsets.asp.

These released FCAT Writing Anchor Sets contain examples of student responses used as training materials for scorers of the 2011 Writing assessment. Each anchor set (or scoring guide) includes a student response and an annotation explaining why it was assigned a particular score.

In 2012, the scoring criteria for FCAT Writing will be expanded; thus, **the 2011 FCAT Writing Anchor Sets should not be used for future staff development. Their purpose is to provide an understanding of student scores for the 2011 writing administration.**

If you have questions, please contact Renn Edenfield, FCAT English Language Arts Coordinator, Test Development Center, (850) 922-2584, ext. 230.

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