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MEMORANDUM

To: District Assessment Coordinators

FROM: Susie Lee, Director of Test Administration
Bureau of K-12 Assessment

DATE OF E-MAIL: July 29, 2011

SUBJECT: 2012 FCAT Writing Exemplar Sets

Good Afternoon,

As referenced in the *Changes to FCAT Writing* memorandum from Deputy Commissioner Kris Ellington on July 5, 2011, examples of student responses that illustrate upcoming changes to Florida's writing assessment are now available. You may access the 2012 FCAT Writing Exemplar Sets at the Test Development Center's SharePoint site here:

<http://sharepoint.leon.k12.fl.us/tdc/external/default.aspx>.

Please note: In August 2011, the FCAT Writing Content Advisory Committee will work with the Department to review these exemplar sets to confirm that the responses effectively convey the expectations concerning 2012 scoring decisions. The committee will also make recommendations regarding the 2012 FCAT Writing Calibration Scoring Guides for each grade and writing purpose (mode). Once the scoring guides for Grade 4 Narrative and Expository writing and for Grades 8 and 10 Persuasive and Expository writing are finalized, they will also be provided to districts. These complete resources will further demonstrate the expectations for 2012 FCAT Writing and will provide a basis for developing a common understanding of the scoring standards.

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For your reference, you may access the memorandum from Kris Ellington on the **K-12 Assessment - Memoranda and Information** page at <http://www.fldoe.org/asp/k12memo/k12memo-fcat.asp>.

A list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) is also available to help interpret the upcoming changes to Florida's writing assessment. You may access the *Changes to FCAT Writing 2012 and Beyond* FAQs at the Test Development Center's SharePoint site here: <http://sharepoint.leon.k12.fl.us/tdc/external/default.aspx>.

Please distribute this information to district and school staff, as appropriate. If you have any questions, please contact Renn Edenfield, FCAT/FCAT 2.0 English Language Arts Coordinator, at 850.922.2584, ext. 230 or edenfieldr@leonschools.net.

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