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To: Deans and Directors of Teacher Preparation Programs
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Subject: Content Specialty Test Preparation Guides

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) is pleased to announce that the preparation guides, along with updated test frameworks and other useful information for test preparation, are now available on the New York State Teacher Certification Examination (NYSTCE) website at http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/NY_prepare_opener.asp for the Content Specialty Tests (CST) listed below.

Anticipated Open Registration Date – August 21, 2014

First Administration Date – September 22, 2014

Test Field	Link to Preparation Guide
English Language Arts	http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/NY_PM.asp?t=003
Multi-Subject: Teachers of Early Childhood (Birth–Grade 2)	http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/NY_PM.asp?t=211
Multi-Subject: Teachers of Childhood (Grade 1-Grade 6)	http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/NY_PM.asp?t=221
Multi-Subject: Teachers of Middle Childhood (Grade 5–Grade 9)	http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/NY_PM.asp?t=231
Multi-Subject: Secondary Teachers (Grade 7–Grade 12)	http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/NY_PM.asp?t=241
Agriculture	http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/NY_PM.asp?t=068
Business and Marketing	http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/NY_PM.asp?t=69
Family and Consumer Sciences	http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/NY_PM.asp?t=072

Candidates taking one of the CSTs listed above on or after September 22, 2014, must take the revised CST examination for certification. Registration for the revised CSTs is anticipated to begin on August 21, 2014. The first administration of these more rigorous examinations will begin on September 22, 2014. Candidates should register and prepare for the revised CST examinations with these dates in mind, as the prior versions of these CST's will no longer be available.

Also, please make sure to inform all of your students that, when the revised Multi-Subject tests are implemented, candidates will need to pass each of the three sections of the assessment, (the Math, the English Language Arts and general knowledge sections will be scored separately) to meet the certification requirements.

Candidates who are working towards the Students with Disabilities Grades 7-12 Generalist certification will be required to take the Multi-Subject: Secondary Teachers (Grade 7 – Grade 12) examination once it becomes available on September 22, 2014. These candidates are not eligible to use the current Multi-Subject Content Specialty Test (CST) (002) for this certification.

Please ensure that this information is disseminated to your faculty, students, and certification officers.