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TO: District Superintendents with High Schools
Charter Leaders with High Schools

ROUTE TO: High School Principals
Assessment Coordinator
AHSA Coordinator

FROM: Willa Spicer
Deputy Commissioner

SUBJECT: AHSA Options

This memo is a summary of options available to students who have not yet met New Jersey graduation requirements in language arts literacy and/or mathematics.

1. Test Results for the April administration of the AHSA:
These scores should be in your hands as of June 1.

2. Automatic Approval

If you have any documentation showing the student has achieved the following score on any one of the designated tests, you may award a regular NJ diploma to the student this year. Please send us a copy of your documentation, but you do not need any further approval.

- SAT (out of 800 possible points) 400
- ACT (out of 36 possible points) 16
- ASVAB - AFQT Score 31
- Accuplacer - Write Placer 8
- Accuplacer Math – Elementary Algebra 76

3. Appeal

If the student does not have any of these scores, you may still appeal using the process we have already outlined and sent to the districts in our memo dated May 21, 2010. We will read and respond immediately to each appeal.

4. Single Items Retest

In the case of students who have failed only one standard in mathematics, the department will make an additional Performance Assessment Task available in that standard for a June administration. The student response will be sent directly to the department for scoring.

5. Summer Instruction

We will send a separate memo with specific information about how to register for the summer online remediation opportunity. We will know better how to organize this after we have had a chance to study the results of the above listed actions.

Remember, our purpose is to ensure that those young people who still have not been able to demonstrate their skills have an opportunity to show them and to provide help for those who have not yet developed the skills needed for a New Jersey diploma. Thank you for your work to achieve these ends.