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**To: Superintendents of School Divisions  
Principals**

Dear Colleagues:

**Re: Provincial Assessment and Standards Testing Schedule (2006–2007)**

We are writing to inform you of the Department's plans for student assessment in the 2006–2007 school year. Provincial assessment activities are described in point form and the administration dates are summarized in a table to assist you in school planning.

#### **Grade 3:**

- The Grade 3 Assessment in Reading, "Lecture" and Numeracy and Grade 4 Assessment in French Immersion "Lecture" will take place in the fall of 2006. School divisions and funded independent schools will summarize their results on each of the critical competencies and report the results to the Department by Friday, November 24, 2006.

#### **Middle Years Assessment:**

- The first phase of implementation of this policy begins in the fall of 2006. This first phase addresses mathematics at Grade 7, reading in French at Grade 8 and writing in English at Grade 8. Further information about the policy is available online at: [www.edu.gov.mb.ca/ks4/assess/myreporting.html](http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/ks4/assess/myreporting.html) and updates will continue to be sent to all middle years schools and school divisions.

#### **Senior 4:**

- Standards tests will be administered system-wide in the following Senior 4 subjects:
  - English Language Arts
  - Français langue première
  - Français langue seconde — immersion
  - Applied Mathematics/Mathématiques appliquées
  - Consumer Mathematics/Mathématiques du consommateur
  - Pre-Calculus Mathematics/Mathématiques pré-calcul

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- In response to feedback from schools the order in which the mathematics tests are administered varies from semester to semester.
- In order to ensure timely and accurate results summaries and feedback from the Department, attending to timelines regarding returning materials to the Department by the deadline date is crucial. The Department will continue to provide, to funded independent schools and school divisions, \$10 per test that is locally marked and for which all materials have been submitted to the Department on time. The purpose of the \$10 is to compensate teachers and/or provide release time for marking standards tests.
- The standards tests will be locally marked and results will count 30 percent towards students' final grades. Central support will be offered to school divisions through assistance in training for markers and feedback on the local marking process.

Test/Assessment	Administration Dates	
	Semester 1	Semester 2
<b>Senior 4 English Language Arts Standards Test</b> (Local Marking) <i>Mandatory administration (Optional for Français and French Immersion programs)</i> <i>Central support for marking process</i>	Tuesday to Friday, January 9–12, 2007	Monday to Thursday, June 4–7, 2007
<b>Senior 4 Français langue première Standards Test</b> (Local Marking) <i>Mandatory administration</i> <i>Central support for marking process</i>  <b>Prior to Test (Students' activities):</b> Readings, supplementary research, and note taking	<b>Written Test:</b>  Monday to Wednesday, January 15–17, 2007	<b>Written Test:</b>  Monday to Wednesday May 28–30, 2007
<b>Senior 4 Français langue seconde Standards Test</b> (Local Marking) <i>Mandatory administration</i> <i>Central support for marking process</i>  <b>Prior to Test (Students' activities):</b> Readings, supplementary research, and note taking	<b>Written Test:</b>  Monday to Thursday, January 15–18, 2007	<b>Written Test:</b>  Monday to Thursday May 28–31, 2007

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Test/Assessment	Administration Dates	
	Semester 1	Semester 2
<b>Senior 4</b> <b>Applied Mathematics/</b> <b>Mathématiques appliquées</b> <b>Standards Test</b> (Local Marking) <i>Mandatory administration</i> <i>Central support for marking process</i>	Monday & Tuesday, January 22 & 23, 2007	Wednesday & Thursday, June 13 & 14, 2007
<b>Senior 4</b> <b>Consumer Mathematics/</b> <b>Mathématiques du consommateur</b> <b>Standards Test</b> (Local Marking) <i>Mandatory administration</i> <i>Central support for marking process</i>	<b>Project:</b> November 20-27, 2006  <b>Written Test:</b> Wednesday, January 24, 2007  <b>Portfolio:</b> Prior to Wednesday, January 24, 2007	<b>Project:</b> April 9-16, 2007  <b>Written Test:</b> Tuesday, June 12, 2007  <b>Portfolio:</b> Prior to Tuesday, June 12, 2007
<b>Senior 4</b> <b>Pre-Calculus Mathematics/</b> <b>Mathématiques pré-calcul</b> <b>Standards Test</b> (Local Marking) <i>Mandatory administration</i> <i>Central support for marking process</i>	Thursday, January 25, 2007	Monday, June 11, 2007
<b>Pan-Canadian Assessment</b> <b>Program (PCAP)</b> 13-year-olds only, sample of schools, reading is major domain	---	April 2007

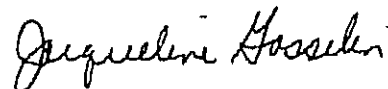
*Information Bulletins* for each of the standards tests, outlining test specifications, times and test duration, will be sent to schools early in September 2006.

Yours sincerely,



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Yours sincerely,



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