

# **2007-2008 ALTERNATE ASSESSMENT UPDATE FOR SOME STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

## **WHAT ELSE IS NEW FOR 2007-2008?**

- Florida DOE will be implementing a new statewide alternate assessment in Spring 2008.
- A Field Test will be conducted with 295 students in Broward in October 2007.
- The new alternate assessment will assess students working in the Sunshine State Standards Access Points for Reading, Math (Grades 3-10), and Writing (Grades 4,8, &10). Science assessment (Grades 5,8, &11) will be linked to the Sunshine State Standards for Special Diploma Standard 4.

## **WHAT YOU NEED TO DO?**

- ESE students that meet the FCAT exemption criteria, as noted on their IEP, must be assessed on the new statewide alternate assessment.
- Your ESE Specialist needs to ensure that information on students taking the alternate assessment is updated on the A08 panel in TERMS before Survey 2.
- Teachers with students taking the alternate assessment must attend training offered by the district. Training dates and information will be announced in September 2007.
- Your ESE Specialist should disseminate information on the new alternate assessment to teachers.

## **WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU DON'T?**

- Failure to test students on the new statewide alternate assessment will impact your school's AYP and may contribute to our district being cited on the State Performance Plan indicators—which could ultimately lead to a loss of funding.

## **WHO NEEDS TO KNOW?**

- Administrators, ESE Specialists, Parents of the impacted students, and ESE Teachers.

## **HOW WILL YOU COMMUNICATE FOLLOW-UP?**

- Principals and ESE Specialists will receive information on training, field test, and timeline for administering the new statewide alternate assessment.

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