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TO: Superintendents of Schools

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SUBJECT: Summative Assessment Calendar for 2018–19

The 2018–19 Summative Assessment Calendar for Connecticut public schools is presented below.

2018-19 Summative Assessment Calendar			
Content Area(s)	Assessment	Grade(s)	Testing Window
English Language Proficiency: <i>Speaking, Listening, Reading, and Writing</i>	LAS Links (Form D)	K–12	January 2–March 8, 2019
English Language Arts (ELA) & Mathematics	Connecticut Smarter Balanced	3–8	March 25–June 7, 2019
	Connecticut SAT School Day	11	<i>Primary Test Dates:</i> March 27 and April 9, 2019 <i>Makeup Dates:</i> April 23 and 24, 2019
	Connecticut Alternate Assessment (CTAA)	3–8 and 11	March 25–June 7, 2019
Science	Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) Standard Assessment	5, 8, and 11	February 4–June 7, 2019 (Grade 11) March 25–June 7, 2019 (Grades 5 and 8)
	Connecticut Alternate Science Assessment (CTAS)	5, 8, and 11	March 25–June 7, 2019 (Grades 5, 8, and 11)
Physical Fitness	CT Physical Fitness Assessment	4, 6, 8, and high school	Anytime during the school year

The following changes in the 2018-19 calendar should enable educators to better align the administration of the state assessment to the district’s curriculum and instructional program, and to student learning.

- The (NGSS) Standard Assessment for students in Grade 11 can be administered starting February 4, 2019. This is designed to allow students who have completed the requisite science coursework to demonstrate their knowledge on the assessment in the winter of their junior year, well in advance of other assessments that students traditionally take in the spring (e.g., SAT, ACT, AP). The NGSS Standard Assessment (Grades 5 and 8) and CTAS windows will also open one month earlier than they did in 2018 to provide greater flexibility.

- The end of the test window for Smarter Balanced, CTAA, and all Science assessments has been extended by two more weeks. This should give students, especially in the elementary/middle grades, with even more time to achieve mastery over the subject matter prior to taking the state summative assessments.
- For the Connecticut SAT School Day, two primary date options are provided. Schools must choose one primary date from the two choices: March 27 or April 9, 2019. In the fall, a survey will be sent to each high school requiring them to choose one date as their primary test date. Once schools select their primary date, no changes will be permitted. All schools will use April 23 and 24, 2019 as the make-up test dates.
- Test windows for the Connecticut Physical Fitness Assessment (CPFA) have been eliminated. Additionally, each of the four components of the CPFA may be administered separately at different times during the year. These flexibilities are offered so that educators can plan for administration of the CPFA in a manner that best aligns to the physical education instructional program in the school. Please note that all students in the tested grades, except those with a medical exemption on file, are expected to be assessed. An updated physical fitness test administration manual will be disseminated later this summer.

In planning your local assessment calendar for 2018-19, please note that results for the ELA and Mathematics assessments are expected to be released to districts/schools as usual in mid-June. On the day that results become available, the system will include scores for students who tested up to two weeks prior. Consequently, scores for students who test during the last two weeks of the test window will become available shortly after the initial release of results.

Please direct any questions regarding this assessment calendar to the Performance Office at 860-713-6860 or CTStudentAssessment@ct.gov.

Thank you.

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