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Office of Assessment Policy, Development and Administration

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To: District Superintendents  
Superintendents of Public and Nonpublic Schools  
Principals of Public, Charter, and Nonpublic Schools

From: David Abrams *David Abrams*

Subject: Revision to the Scoring Policy for Regents Examinations

This memorandum is to inform you about a change to the scoring policy for Regents Examinations. We appreciate all the hard work you do to help implement the policies of the New York State Testing Program.

Beginning in June 2011, schools are **no longer permitted** to rescore any of the open-ended questions on any Regents Exam after each question has been rated the required number of times as specified in the rating guide, **regardless of the final exam score**. Schools are required to ensure that the raw scores have been added correctly and that the resulting scale score has been determined accurately.

This policy will be reflected in the June 2011 Directions for Administering Regents Examinations and in the rating guides. Please ensure that all teachers and administrators involved in the rating of any Regents Exams receive copies of these documents prior to the scoring of the June 2011 Regents Exams.

Thank you for all that you do on behalf of New York State students.