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**TO:** District Superintendents  
Superintendents of Schools  
Principals of Public, Religious, and Independent Schools  
Leaders of Charter Schools

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**SUBJECT:** Spring 2022 Grade 4 Elementary- Level Science Test

This memorandum provides you with essential information regarding an update to the 2021-22 Elementary- and Intermediate-Level Testing Schedule.

The last administration of the Grade 4 Elementary-Level Science Test had been scheduled for June 2021. In recognition of the variability in the manner that instruction was provided to students across the State during the 2020-21 school year in response to COVID-19, the last administration of the Grade 4 Elementary-Level Science Test will now take place in Spring 2022.

The Spring 2022 Grade 4 Elementary-Level Science Test will be aligned to the Core Curriculum and will include both the performance and written test components. The first administration of the new Grade 5 and Grade 8 Science Tests aligned to the Next Generation Learning Standards will now take place in June 2024.

The Spring 2022 Grade 4 Elementary-Level Science Test administration dates and make-up dates are included on the updated [2021-22 Elementary-and Intermediate-Level Testing Schedule](#) posted on the Office of State Assessment website and are shown below along with the established Grade 8 Intermediate-Level Science Test administration dates which are concurrent.

**2021–22 School Year**

Operational Test	Administration Dates	Make-up Dates	Scoring Dates	Final Dates to Submit Answer Sheets to Scanning Centers
<b>Grade 4 Science Performance Test</b>	Tuesday, May 24 – Friday, June 3	Make-ups must be given within the testing window	Scoring may start immediately following administration.	Thursday, June 16
<b>Grade 4 Science Written Test</b>	Monday, June 6	Tuesday, June 7 – Wednesday, June 8	Following make-up dates, but no later than Thursday, June 16	Thursday, June 16
<b>Grade 8 Science Performance Test</b>	Tuesday, May 24 – Friday, June 3	Make-ups must be given within the testing window	Scoring may start immediately following administration.	Thursday, June 16
<b>Grade 8 Science Written Test</b>	Monday, June 6	Tuesday, June 7 – Wednesday, June 8	Following make-up dates, but no later than Thursday, June 16	Thursday, June 16