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**TO:** Superintendents of Public and Nonpublic Schools,  
Principals of Public, Charter, and Nonpublic Schools  
Science Coordinators

**FROM:** David Abrams

**SUBJECT:** *Reference Tables for Physical Setting/Chemistry, 2011 Edition*  
*Reference Tables for Physical Setting/Earth Science, 2011 Edition*  
*Reference Tables for Physical Setting/Physics, 2006 Edition*

Welcome to a new school year. We hope that you will have a remarkable and productive year teaching our state's students. This memorandum is to provide you with information regarding the reference tables for Chemistry, Earth Science, and Physics. Except for Braille and large-type editions, high school science reference tables in English and translated editions will no longer be supplied by the Department for use in the classrooms or on exams. Schools are required to use the online versions to print sufficient copies to supply one reference table for each student. The reference tables can be found on the Department web site at: <http://www.nysed.gov/state-assessment/testing-materials-duplication-schools>. Please note that the Department will continue to provide schools with the Braille edition and large- type edition for use by the visually impaired.

*Reference Tables for Physical Setting/Chemistry, 2011 Edition*

The *Reference Tables for Physical Setting/Chemistry, 2011 Edition*, has been revised to reflect the latest information on the subject. Some of the tables have been moved to different pages, while others have been enlarged or replaced with updated versions. The 2011 edition replaces all previous editions and should be used at the start of the 2011-12 school year.

*Reference Tables for Physical Setting/Earth Science, 2011 Edition*

The *Reference Tables for Physical Setting/Earth Science, 2011 Edition*, has the same content as the 2010 edition, except that the ruler on the cover has been removed. Students will no longer need to use this ruler on the Regents Exam in Physical Setting/Earth Science. Because only the ruler was removed, schools may continue to use any 2010 edition reference tables already on hand in their classrooms.

*Reference Tables for Physical Setting/Physics, 2006 Edition*

No changes have been made to the *Reference Tables for Physical Setting/Physics, 2006 Edition*. Schools may continue to use any 2006 edition reference tables already on hand in their classrooms.

Any questions you might have concerning the reference tables may be directed to the Office of State Assessment at 518-474-5902 or via e-mail at [emscassessinfo@nysed.gov](mailto:emscassessinfo@nysed.gov). Thank you for the work you do on behalf of the students of New York State.