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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Florida will be utilizing computer-based testing (CBT) beginning this year. As such, this letter serves as notification that the following tests will be administered using the CBT format in the spring of this school year:

FCAT Mathematics Retakes: March 31

FCAT Grade 10 Mathematics: April 13, 14, 15

Geometry End-of-Course Exam "field test:" May 3, 4, 5

Algebra I End-of-Course Exam: May 17, 18, 19

While this is the first year Florida will administer statewide computer-based assessments, the specific software being used has been successfully proven through more than five million tests in seven other states over the past four years. Additionally, students affected by CBT will have an opportunity to participate in a practice test to become familiar with the software, item types, and online tools they will encounter and use during testing.

If you or your student would like to review the practice test at home, you can download instructions and a practice test (called an "ePAT") at www.FLAssessments.com/ePAT. You will also find a "Script for Administering the ePAT" that is read aloud to students during scheduled practice tests. The script includes a thorough walk-through of the software interface and instructions for using each of the online tools. Your student may practice as often as is necessary prior to testing.

We appreciate your assistance in ensuring a successful CBT administration this spring. If you have questions related to this test administration, you may contact your student's guidance counselor. You may also access additional information regarding computer-based testing at the Florida Department of Education's website at <http://fcats.fldoe.org/fcats/cbt.asp>.

Sincerely,

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