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Dear Superintendent,

In lieu of state-published exams, NYSED has made provisions for the development of local exams (Read the NYSED LOTE Q&A document: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/lot/documents/lot-q-a.pdf>). Such exams can be used in the same manner as those previously provided by NYSED. Specifically, a locally developed Checkpoint A Exam, in addition to the successful completion of two units of study, must be passed in order to grant (1) one unit of high school credit to 8th graders. A locally developed Checkpoint B Exam, in addition to earning three units of credit, must be passed to grant students a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation.

To meet the needs of these graduation requirements, FLACS annually develops and administers regional Checkpoint A and Checkpoint B exams in the following languages: Chinese, French, German, Italian & Spanish. The FLACS exams are currently given in over 220 schools statewide.

As you consider joining the consortium this year, please note the following:

- For security reasons we require that districts choosing to participate adhere to a common date and time for administering the exams. We use the NYSED suggested date for locally developed assessments on their June 2017 Examination Schedule to administer our exams. **The date for this year's FLACS exams is Monday, June 19, 2017. Checkpoint A: AM administration (2 hours); Checkpoint B: PM administration (3 hours).** If your district cannot adhere to the June 19th administration date, you may not participate in the consortium this year.
- For descriptions of exams, please go to this link: <http://goo.gl/4mWly>
- Participating districts are encouraged to support development of test items by allowing teachers to attend item writing workshops and/or submit items developed at the district level.
- Items will be field-tested.
- Passwords to access the exams will be made available to the Superintendent's designee before the exam date in order to allow time to reproduce and secure the exams until their administration.
- We request that participating districts submit exam results to the FLACS Exam Database. Links to the database will be provided subsequent to the exam administration.
- As with NYSED exams, no make-ups or alternate administration will be permitted.
- To obtain Latin, Greek, or Hebrew exams, please contact the following people:
 - Latin--Brian Serwicki at brian.serwicki@gmail.com; Greek--Maria Makedon at mm@goarch.org;
 - Hebrew--Shelley Hill at shill@thejewisheducationproject.org

Once your FLACS membership has been paid (\$50 for standard membership/\$500 large organization), please click on this link to join the exam consortium: <http://tinyurl.com/consortium2017>. The deadline for joining the consortium is October 15, 2016. A \$100 late fee will be imposed after October 15. A \$500 late fee will be imposed after December 15, 2016.

We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

FLACS President