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To: Superintendents, Principals, BOCES Directors

From: Jo O'Brien, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Learning & Results

Re: State Board Decision Regarding CBLA Assessments

Date: May 15, 2007

On May 10, 2007 the State Board of Education identified and approved three assessments for the annual CBLA outcome measure, for grades K-3, from which districts may choose one. This process will be effective beginning in Spring 2008.

The three approved assessments are:

- DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Early Literacy Skills)
- PALS (Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening)
- DRA 2 (Developmental Reading Assessment)

Information about each tool is available at:

DIBELS: <http://dibels.uoregon.edu/>
PALS: <http://pals.virginia.edu/>
DRA 2 <http://plgcatalog.pearson.com>

Reviews of the tools are available at:

<http://www.natalierathvon.com/index.html>

This summer, in conjunction with the publishers and Colorado districts, the Office of Learning and Results will be developing guidelines for administration and scoring of these tools. We will be providing training on the administration, scoring and end-of-year reporting guidelines in the late summer/early fall.

If you have any questions, please call Jeanette Cornier at 303-866-6788 or email cornier_j@cde.state.co.us.

Thank you.