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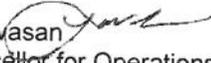
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Regional Superintendents, Local Instructional Superintendents, Community Superintendents, Superintendent of District 75, Superintendent of Alternative High Schools and Programs, Chief Executive Officer for Empowerment Schools, Senior Directors of Youth Development, Directors of Regional Operations Centers, Heads of Divisions and Offices, Principals of All Day Schools, PTA/PA Presidents, UFT/CSA Presidents, and DC 37 Director of Schools Division

FROM: LaVerne Srinivasan 
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SUBJECT: Released Time Program for Religious Instruction: Schedule and Reporting Requirements for School Year 2006-2007

DATE: August 15, 2006

ABSTRACT

The schedule and reporting requirements for the Released Time Program for Religious Instruction are issued each year. The following reflects this information for the 2006-2007 school year.

1. Scheduled Start and End Dates and Citywide Exceptions

The opening date for the Released Time for Religious Instruction Program for the 2006-2007 school year is **Wednesday, September 13, 2006**. The Program is scheduled to continue on every Wednesday through **Wednesday June 20, 2007**, subject to the following exceptions.

1.1	September 13, 2006	Religious instruction programs have not started yet for students of the Roman Catholic and Protestant faiths	No Released Time Program for students of the Roman Catholic and Protestant faiths
1.2	September 20 & 27, 2006	Religious instruction programs for students of the Protestant faith start on October 4	No Released Time Program for students of the Protestant faith on September 20 and 27
1.3	November 1, 2006	No religious instruction program for students of the Roman Catholic and Protestant faiths	No Released Time Program for students of the Roman Catholic and Protestant faiths
1.4	November 22, 2006	Thanksgiving Eve (No religious instruction program for students of the Roman Catholic and Protestant faiths)	No Released Time Program for students of the Roman Catholic and Protestant faiths

1.5	December 27, 2006	Winter Recess	No Released Time since New York City public schools are closed
1.6	February 21, 2007	Mid-Winter Recess	No Released Time since New York City public schools are closed
1.7	April 4, 2007	Spring Recess	No Released Time since New York City public schools are closed
1.8	April 11, 2007	No religious instruction program for students of the Roman Catholic and Protestant faiths	No Released Time Program for students of the Roman Catholic and Protestant faiths
1.9	June 13, 2007	No religious instruction program for students of the Roman Catholic faith	No Released Time Program for students of the Roman Catholic faith
1.10.	June 20, 2007	No religious instruction program for students of the Roman Catholic and Protestant faiths	No Released Time Program for students of the Roman Catholic and Protestant faiths

2. Reporting Requirements and Additional Information

In order for the ATS system to appropriately reflect the Released Time Program attendance data, please ensure that **Reason Code 56** (Present, Released for "Religious Instruction – Part of the Day") is properly entered for students.

Guidelines for the Released Time Program for Religious Instruction are included in Regulation of the Chancellor No. A-630, which is available on the DOE web site (from the Home Page, which can be accessed at <http://www.nyc.gov/schools>, click on "Links to Commonly Requested Sites and Documents," then click on "Chancellor's Regulations").

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