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SCHOOL ALLOCATION MEMORANDUM NO. 74, FY10

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TO: **COMMUNITY SUPERINTENDENTS, HIGH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS, INTEGRATED SERVICE CENTERS AND SCHOOL PRINCIPALS**

FROM: Ling Tan, Executive Director

SUBJECT: **NEW LEADERS FOR NEW SCHOOLS PERIODIC ASSESSMENT PILOT ALLOCATIONS**

Through the Periodic Assessment program, the Department of Education (DOE) is providing funding to schools in the New Leaders for New Schools Design Your Own (DYO) Cohort as part of a one-year pilot program to support innovative assessment activities using Acuity. The pilot assists schools in developing and using their own assessments and using new scanning and reporting solutions to achieve the educational objectives of the Division of Accountability and Achievement Resources' Periodic Assessment program. Schools participating in the pilot will use the customization platform in Acuity and provide feedback to inform future development of Acuity's customization process, item bank, and school-based scanning capabilities.

All schools participating in the Periodic Assessment program had the option to apply to design their own assessments. The DYO option aligns well with the DOE's accountability program, which supports increased autonomy for principals and schools under the Children First reforms. DYO allows schools to develop their own assessments or build on existing school-specific assessments including qualitative, portfolio and rubric-based assessments.

The New Leaders for New Schools DYO Cohort is a group of 24 schools serving students in grades 3–12 that use Acuity as a central component of their assessment program. The cohort develops and uses common assessments and a common assessment schedule across each grade in ELA and math. School leaders and instructional specialists within the cohort create the assessments using the Acuity items and platform. The assessments are then used within all schools across the cohort. Schools print and scan their assessments at the school site and participate in cohort-wide data analysis and knowledge sharing. As part of the pilot, the individuals that created the cohort's assessments using Acuity will provide targeted feedback on the process at several points throughout the school year. Other members from their schools will provide feedback on the available item banks, quality of the content and on the school-based scanning technology, resources and usability.

Schools participating in the pilot underwent an intensive application process and were each approved to receive a \$500 funding allocation as part of the pilot for the 2009-10 school year. Funds are specifically targeted to support the schools' design, implementation, interpretation, and communication of assessments and results. The allocation is conditioned on schools complying, whenever applicable, with both the requirements set forth in the Division of Accountability and Achievement Resources' DYO application and the pilot program's feedback and Acuity product usage specifications.

The attached table displays the allocation for each school that was selected for the pilot. Funds should be scheduled in the allocation category **TL DYO Assessment**.

Attachment

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New Leaders for New Schools Periodic Assessment Pilot Allocation

Location	BN	School Name	Allocation
04M372	M372	ESPERANZA PREPATORY ACADEMY	\$500.00
07X547	X547	New Explorers High School	\$500.00
08X305	X305	Pablo Neruda Academy for Architecture and World Studies	\$500.00
08X367	X367	Archimedes Academy for Math, Science and Technology Applications	\$500.00
09X227	X227	Bronx Expeditionary Learning High School	\$500.00
09X263	X263	Validus Preparatory Academy: An Expeditionary Learning School	\$500.00
09X454	X454	SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY: A MOTT HALL SCHOOL	\$500.00
10X386	X386	School for Environmental Citizenship	\$500.00
11X189	X189	Cornerstone Academy for Social Action	\$500.00
11X265	X265	Bronx Lab School	\$500.00
11X272	X272	Globe School for Environmental Research	\$500.00
11X287	X287	The Forward School	\$500.00
11X289	X289	The Young Scholars Academy of The Bronx	\$500.00
11X370	X370	School of Diplomacy	\$500.00
11X462	X462	CORNERSTONE ACADEMY FOR SOCIAL ACTION MIDDLE SCHOOL (CASA)	\$500.00
11X468	X468	PELHAM ACADEMY OF ACADEMICS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	\$500.00
12X383	X383	Emolior Academy	\$500.00
13K113	K113	M.S. 113 Ronald Edmonds Learning Center	\$500.00
14K322	K322	Foundations Academy	\$500.00
14K561	K561	Williamsburg Preparatory School	\$500.00
17K484	K484	Ronald Edmonds Learning Center II	\$500.00
17K543	K543	Science, Technology and Research Early College High School at Erasmus	\$500.00
23K644	K644	Eagle Academy for Young Men II	\$500.00
24Q293	Q293	Civic Leadership Academy	\$500.00
Total			\$12,000.00