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TO: Members of the Council for Elementary and Secondary Education

FROM: Deborah A. Gist, Commissioner

RE: Revised Certification Tests and Passing Scores

The Regents Regulations Governing the Certification of Educators in Rhode Island requires RIDE to seek Board approval to adopt new or revised certification tests and passing scores that are required for initial licensure. Educational Testing Service (ETS) provides most RI licensure tests and has revised four additional tests to ensure currency with the field. Rhode Island educators participated in some of the validation studies for the revised tests and RIDE staff has reviewed the standard setting process.

RECOMMENDATION: That, the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education approves, for the purpose of public review and comment, the proposed revised certification tests and passing scores, as presented.

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December 2014 – Revised Tests and Passing Scores

New Tests	Recommended Multi-State Standard-Setting Cut-Score
Education of Young Children (5024)	160
Elementary Education: Reading Language Arts Subtest (5002)	157
Elementary Education: Mathematics Subtest (5003)	157
Family Consumer Science (5122)	153