

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 15-31

(Suspension of the Grade 11 Florida Standards Assessment for English Language Arts)

WHEREAS, Commissioner of Education, Pam Stewart, conducted a comprehensive investigation of all standardized assessments used in school districts to better understand the number, frequency, and purpose of such assessments; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Education reports that, "Florida has a strong, established statewide, standardized testing program that measures student progress and provides useful information to educators and parents"; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has identified appropriate opportunities for the reduction of State assessment requirements; and

WHEREAS, students now meet their English language arts graduation requirement upon completion of the 10th grade assessment, and thus the grade 11 Florida Standards Assessment for English language arts is unnecessary; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 1008.22, Florida Statutes, the Commissioner of Education establishes schedules for the administration of the statewide standardized assessments, and the window for the administration of the grade 11 English language arts assessment is currently scheduled for March through May, 2015; and

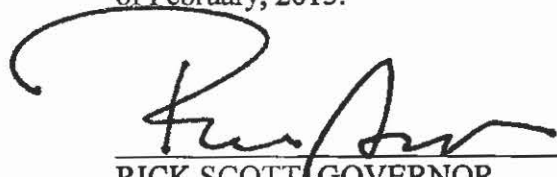
WHEREAS, the Legislature will have the opportunity to consider repeal of the statutory requirement for the administration of the grade 11 Florida Standards Assessment for English language arts during the legislative session that convenes on March 3, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, as Governor of Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article IV, Section (1)(a) of the Florida Constitution, and all other applicable laws, do hereby issue the following Executive Order, to take effect immediately:

The Commissioner of Education is hereby authorized to suspend the schedule for the administration of the grade 11 Florida Standards Assessment for English language arts to give the Legislature sufficient time during this legislative session to consider repeal of the requirement.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, this 24th day of February, 2015.





RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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