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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chancellors and Vice Presidents

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SUBJECT: Agreement on Use of the 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Smarter Balanced  
Assessment Results for College Mathematics and English  
Placement

The Councils of Chief Academic Officers and Chief Student Affairs Officers met on December 17, 2014 and approved the use of the 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Smarter Balanced Assessment results for mathematics and English college placement purposes for the high school classes of 2016, 2017 and 2018 with the possibility of renewal.

The first statewide administration of the Smarter Balanced assessment, offered to 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders and all 11<sup>th</sup> graders in the Hawaii Department of Education as well as other public school districts throughout the United States, will be given in Spring 2015. Effective June 2015 after this first administration of the 11<sup>th</sup> grade assessment, the UH campuses will accept the following scores for placement purposes into entry-level, college credit-bearing courses:

- Scores of 3 and 4: Direct placement into entry-level, credit-bearing mathematics and English courses.
- Score of 2: Direct placement into entry-level, credit-bearing, non-STEM mathematics courses upon successful completion (grade of C or better) of the 12<sup>th</sup> grade mathematics transition course. The 12<sup>th</sup> grade mathematics transition course will be piloted in 5 high schools in Hawaii in 2015-16 and is being developed by UH mathematics faculty.

A detailed implementation memo will be forthcoming upon consultation and recommendation with the UH Common Core/Smarter Balanced Liaisons Group, which consists of representatives from each of the UH campuses.