Summer 2014 Update on State Certification Tests

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) is pleased to announce that the preparation guides, along with updated test frameworks and other useful information for test preparation, are now available on the New York State Teacher Certification Examination (NYSTCE) website at http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/NY_prepare_opener.asp for the Content Specialty Tests (CST) listed below.

Anticipated Open Registration Date – August 21, 2014
First Administration Date – September 22, 2014

English Language Arts
http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/NY_PM.asp?t=003

Mathematics
http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/NY_PM.asp?t=004

Multi-Subject: Teachers of Early Childhood (Birth–Grade 2)***
http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/NY_PM.asp?t=211

Multi-Subject: Teachers of Childhood (Grade 1-Grade 6)***
http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/NY_PM.asp?t=221

Candidates taking one of the CSTs listed above on or after September 22, 2014, must take the revised CST examination for certification. Registration for the revised CSTs is anticipated to begin on August 21, 2014. The first administration of these more rigorous examinations will begin on September 22, 2014. Candidates should register and prepare for the revised CST examinations with these dates in mind, as the prior versions of these CST’s will no longer be available.

It is advised that you to take the exams before the September version goes into effect, particularly if you are taking the Multi-Subject as an Early Childhood, Childhood, Early Childhood-Childhood, or Childhood Special Education student. Early Childhood-Childhood students that wait until September 22nd will have to take both the Multi-Subject: Teachers of Early Childhood and the Multi-Subject Teachers of Childhood....whereas the current Multi-Subject test covers both.

***When the revised Multi-Subject tests are implemented, candidates will need to pass each of the three
sections of the assessment, (the Math, the English Language Arts and general knowledge sections will be scored separately) to meet the certification requirements.

The following tests do not yet have revised materials out: Social Studies, Students with Disabilities, English to Speakers of Other Languages, Music.