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TO: All Elementary Principals

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SUBJECT: **REVISIONS TO THE BENCHMARK ASSESSMENT SYSTEM (BAS)
ASSESSMENT WINDOW AND DATA ENTRY INTO BASIS 3.0.**

ACTION: Please share with all teachers and staff the revised Benchmark Assessment calendar that reflects three assessment windows with a minimum deadline for when individual students' BAS independent, instructional, and frustrational levels should be entered into BASIS 3.0. Schools should continue to implement BAS based on the needs of their students and progress monitoring plans. As teachers complete the BAS with their students, data with actual date of administration should be entered into BASIS within five days.

Benchmark Assessment System (BAS)	AP1	AP2	AP3
Assessment Window Dates	8/22/16 to 11/10/16	11/14/16 to 2/16/17	2/17/17 to 5/18/17
Deadline for Data Entry into BASIS	11/10/16	2/16/17	5/18/17

The above assessment window revisions also apply to the Sistema de Evaluación de la Lectura (SEL) used to track students' progress towards proficiency in Spanish for students in the Dual Language Program

RATIONALE: The assessment periods and deadlines for entry into BASIS have been revised to ensure the quality of the BAS implementation that includes analysis of the data for instructional implications, and time to instruct students based on identified targets.

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Teachers are encourage to access information about BAS and the Balanced Literacy Model at www.bcps-literacyguide.com and the Department of Literacy SharePoint site at browardcountyschools.sharepoint.com/sites/Intranet/Academics/ELLA/Lit/Pages/default.aspx.

For information about the Benchmark Assessment System (BAS), contact the **Director of Literacy, Mildred Grimaldo** at mildred.grimaldo@browardschools.com.

For information about the Sistema de Evaluación de la Lectura (SEL), contact **Director of Bilingual/ESOL, Vicky Saldala** at Victoria.Saldala@browardschools.com.

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