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To: Bureau Directors
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Heads, Public Secondary Schools

ORGANIZATION OF NEW/ADDITIONAL CLASSES FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL BRIDGE PROGRAM, SY 2004-2005

1. With the administration last August 31, 2004 of the Second High School Readiness Test (HSRT-2) to the regular First Year High School students in public high schools, parents should be informed as soon as possible of the grades obtained by their children in HSRT-2 so that they can decide whether or not to transfer their children to the Bridge Program.

- Students who scored 30% or below on HSRT-2 are **STRONGLY ADVISED** to transfer to the High School Bridge Program.
- Students who scored 31-50% on HSRT-2 are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to transfer to the High School Bridge Program.

2. School administrators should explain to parents how their children can benefit from the Bridge Program. At the same time, parents should be advised that students who stay in the regular First Year High School Program will be graded on the basis of the new Performance-based Grading System. Failed subjects will have to be repeated next year.

3. On the basis of the decisions of parents, school administrators should organize new or additional sections for the Bridge Program in their respective schools, not later than September 10, 2004 in view of the start of the Second Grading Period.

4. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum is desired.

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