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Dr. Lanny Johnson, Superintendent  
Franklin Parish School System  
7293 Prairie Road  
Winnsboro, LA 71295

Deputy Superintendent of Education

Dear Superintendent Johnson:

During the summer 2008 administration of the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP), certain written responses of students in your district indicated probable violations of test security. The intent of this letter is to alert parish authorities of responses that are essentially identical, revealing probable occurrences of plagiarism from unauthorized materials or from other students' responses, or occurrences of teacher interference, resulting in the invalidation of the students' scores. Enclosed are descriptions of the evidence that supports voiding the responses, along with corresponding student identification information.

As required by the SBESE Test Security Policy, we are requesting that you investigate the irregularities and provide to my office by August 29, 2008, a detailed report of the investigation *and* a written plan of action describing how the situation will be prevented in the future. Also, another review of the appropriate test security procedures with personnel at the school involved in this incident should be conducted. Copies of the students' papers are available for review at the Division of Assessments and Accountability.

If you have questions about this process or want to schedule an appointment to review the student papers, please contact Dr. Bernadette Morris or Leslie H. Lightbourne, Division of Assessments and Accountability, at 225-342-3404 or toll free at the number above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott M. Norton".

Scott M. Norton, Ph.D.  
Assistant Superintendent

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Enclosures

- c: Paul G. Pastorek, State Superintendent of Education  
Ollie S. Tyler, Deputy Superintendent of Education  
Bernadette S. Morris, Ph.D.  
Dorothy Jean Watson, District Test Coordinator

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