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SUBJECT: Updated Computer-Based Question Sampler

This memorandum provides information about the release of the New York State Education Department's Grades 3-8 English Language Arts and Mathematics computer-based testing (CBT) online Question Sampler for the 2016-17 school year. The Question Sampler allows users to practice answering questions in each grade/subject on computer using previously released New York State test questions. Educators, parents, and students can gain experience with the testing tools and accommodations available in the computer-based testing environment.

The updated Question Sampler, developed by NYSED's contractor for the Grades 3-8 assessments, Questar Assessment, Inc., can be accessed at:  
<https://ny-practice.nextera.questarai.com/>.

After last June's administration of computer-based stand-alone field tests, the Department worked with participating schools to identify needed features and enhanced functionality for improving the online testing experience. The Questar test delivery system, called "Nextera," has a new look and feel for this school year with better access to online testing tools. This new look

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Please send any questions or comments about the updated Question Sampler to [cbtsupport@nysed.gov](mailto:cbtsupport@nysed.gov).