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**TO:** Principals of Public, Religious, and Independent Schools  
Leaders of Charter Schools

**FROM:** Steven E. Katz *Steven E Katz*

**SUBJECT:** Administration of the Spring 2022 New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT) Listening Test

The Office of State Assessment (OSA) and our contractor, MetriTech, are pleased to advise you of an added convenience for test administrators. Beginning with the Spring 2022 administration, schools will have the option of streaming the audio for the Listening sections of the NYSESLAT for Grades 3-12 or using the Listening Test CDs that, as in past years, will be included with the shipments of the NYSESLAT testing materials. The ability to stream the Listening component of the NYSESLAT will enable schools to play the audio for the Listening sections without using a CD player, should the school find this new option preferable. The use of the online access to the audios may also allow for greater accessibility and better sound quality. This streaming option is being made available in response to suggestions made by NYS educators following recent years' administrations. However, schools that find the traditional CD option satisfactory may continue to use this method for the NYSESLAT administration and need not request the online streaming option.

In the next few days, MetriTech will send more detailed information regarding the access and functionality of the Listening audio site to all schools that have requested NYSESLAT materials. The information will include instructions for enrolling in this option. MetriTech will also provide access to practice audio samples to those schools that request this new option. This will enable schools to become more familiar with the functionality of the online audio streaming process.

The streaming of the Listening audio will perform similarly to the examiner playing a Listening CD. The audio will play continuously, with directions and pauses included to allow time for students to answer the Listening questions. If more time is needed, the examiner will be able to pause and restart the audio tracks. The track number reference will display on the computer screen as the audio is played.

All schools, including those which request the option of secure online access to the audio tracks, will continue to receive the Listening CDs. For schools that request the online streaming option, the CDs will serve a backup should any issues arise with the streaming during the test administration.

Additional information about the NYSESLAT is available on the [NYSED website](#). If you have any questions about the NYSESLAT program, please [e-mail](#) the Office of State Assessment (OSA) or call 518-474-5902. If you have specific questions concerning any information in this memorandum, please contact MetriTech Customer Support at 1-800-747-4868 or via e-mail to [NYSESLAT@Metritech.com](mailto:NYSESLAT@Metritech.com).