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TO: District Superintendents  
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FROM: Pam Castellanos, Executive Assistant *PJC*  
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SUBJECT: REVISION: List of Religious Holidays Permitting Pupil Absence from School for the  
2011-2012 School Year

On February 16, 2011, the State Board of Education adopted a resolution regarding the list of religious holidays permitting pupil absence from school for the 2011-2012 school-year. Please note that the following date has been corrected:

Observance	Correct Date	Original Date
Eid al Fitre (Islam)	<b>August 30, 2011</b>	August 21, 2011
Hajj Day (Islam)	<b>November 6, 2011</b>	October 5, 2011
Eid-al-Adha (Islam)	<b>November 7, 2011</b>	November 6, 2011

Please adjust your districts' calendars accordingly. The resolution can be found on the department's Web site at <http://www.state.nj.us/education/genfo/holidays.htm>.

The department encourages school districts to grant pupils an excused absence when any parent or guardian requests an excused absence in writing due to religious observances that may not be included on the State Board approved list.

If you require further clarification regarding the State Board resolution or the List of Religious Holidays Permitting Pupil Absence from School please contact the Division of Field Services at (609) 984-6755.

- c: Executive County Superintendents
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