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TO: Teacher Education Programs
FROM: Vance D. Rugaard
Director, Office of Teacher Licensing
DATE: May 1, 2006
RE: ETS Lawsuit Settlement

The State of Tennessee has been notified of a settlement of a class action lawsuit regarding inaccurate scores and "false failures" from the Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) exam for Grades 7 through 12. This applies to tests administered between January 2003 and April 2004.

The settlement includes and affects the rights of those who took the test during that time, including those who passed the exam. The Tennessee Department of Education is hereby delivering a copy of the "Legal Notice" about this settlement to each IHE.

Please help us inform teachers by distributing the notice throughout your department, including the attached notice in any newsletters you publish, posting it on bulletin boards in classroom and teacher work areas, inserting copies in any mailings to department alumni, and/or posting the information on your website.

Those included in the settlement may submit a claim form, asking to be excluded from or object to, the proposed settlement. The Court will have a hearing to consider whether to approve the settlement. The attached legal notice describes all of these rights and options.

For additional information you may call 1-888-279-4407 or see web site at www.PPLTclaims.com.