All the Heads of Institutions affiliated to the Board

Subject: Conduct of School Based Summative Assessment-II for Classes IX and X (Academic Session 2011-12)

Dear Principal,

This is in continuation to our Circular No. 58/2011 dated 16.08.2011 regarding “Conduct of Class IX and X Examination under Summative Assessment-I held in September, 2011”.

As you are aware, the Central Board of Secondary Education has introduced Examination Reforms and Continuous & Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE) in its schools since academic year 2009 – 10 and the detailed scheme has already been intimated to all Heads of schools vide CBSE’s previous circulars.

2. The scheme is in operation in all CBSE affiliated schools in Classes IX & X since inception of CCE. As per the scheme, four Formative Assessments and two Summative Assessments would be held in an academic year. The first Summative Assessment (SA–I) for this academic session for Classes IX and X has been conducted in the second half of September, 2011.

3. Under the School Based Summative Assessment–II, the students will be tested internally based on the following criteria:-
   a) The Syllabus and the design of the Examination Question Paper in different subjects for Classes IX and X Summative Assessment will be the same as communicated earlier through different circulars circulated by the Board.
   b) As was done earlier, the Summative Assessment–II will be in the form of a pen-paper test conducted by the schools themselves.
   c) In order to ensure standards, the Question Papers Bank in different subjects would be sent by the Board so as to reach the schools well in time.
   d) Evaluation of answer scripts will be done by the school teachers themselves on the basis of the Marking Scheme provided by the Board. The schools may use the Sahodaya School Cluster for spot evaluation so that teachers from other schools are also involved, if they so wish.
   e) There will be random verification of the assessment procedures carried out by schools through the Board officials/nominees appointed by the Board.

4. It has been decided to provide Question Papers Bank in the following eight subjects:
   - English Communicative and English Language & Literature,
   - Hindi-A and Hindi-B,
   - Mathematics,
   - Science,
   - Social Science and
   - Communicative Sanskrit.

In respect of other subjects/languages, the schools will administer their own question paper based on Sample Question Paper available on the Board’s website.
5. The Board will be sending separate CDs containing Question Papers Bank and Marking Scheme as per the schedule given below and the school may:
   i) pick up one question paper for each subject.
   ii) mix and match the papers by using different questions/sections from different sets of question papers and prepare a question paper based on Board’s sample paper, design and blue print.
   iii) prepare their own question papers as per sample paper, design and blue print available on CBSE’s website (www.cbse.nic.in). However, in case the school prepares its own question papers, the question papers and marking scheme so prepared should be emailed to the Board (email id: summative@hotmail.co.in) for verification within a week of conduct of the respective paper.

6. Every School, Sahodaya Cluster or City may design its own date sheet for Classes IX and X examination accordingly.

7. Schedule for Supply of Question Papers Bank and Marking Scheme by the Board and Conduct of SA-II by the schools:

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Note: The Mathematics examination for Class X should be conducted after 2nd March, 2012.

8. The schools need to take the print-outs of the desired question paper (refer para 5 above) and, thereafter, the required number of prints/copies may be made at the school level. These question papers must be kept carefully.

9. The answer books should be evaluated by the teachers of school as per the marking scheme provided by the Board.

10. KINDLY NOTE THAT ANSWER BOOKS OF CLASSES IX AND X SHOULD NOT BE SENT TO THE BOARD UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. However these must be preserved and kept in the safe custody at the school for at least a period of three years (in case of Class IX) and two years (in case of Class X) along with question papers and Marking Schemes for any verification by the Board subsequently.

11. It may be noted again that the question papers for Classes IX and X have been designed by the Board and are being sent to schools with the purpose of maintaining uniformity and standardization. Depending upon the feedback and suggestions from the stakeholders, the Board will have a re-look at this policy in future, if need be.

IMPORTANT:

1. KINDLY NOTE THAT SCHOOLS WOULD NOT COMMUNICATE THE MARKS OF SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT-II TO THE CANDIDATES OF CLASS X UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

2. AS PER THE SCHEME LAID DOWN AND COMMUNICATED EARLIER, THE BOARD WOULD BE DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE CANDIDATES OF CLASS X IN THE MONTH OF MAY ALONG WITH THE RESULTS OF BOARD BASED SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT-II, AND WILL BE ISSUING THE UNIFORM CERTIFICATE TO EVERY STUDENT.

This may be brought to the notice of all teachers, students and parents of Classes IX and X.

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Yours faithfully,

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