

**STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF DR. BEVERLY HALL IN RESPONSE
TO JULY 5, 2011, CRCT REPORT**

July 6, 2011

We are still reviewing the CRCT Report to Governor Deal that was made available to us only this morning. Even so, one very important fact is obvious. There is no direct evidence in the entire 410-page narrative report or in the accompanying 400 pages of exhibits to show that Dr. Hall knew in 2009 that widespread cheating on the CRCT was occurring or had occurred.

Apparently, not one of the 82 persons who allegedly “confessed” to cheating told the Investigators that Dr. Hall at any time instructed, encouraged, or condoned cheating. The Report’s conclusion that Dr. Hall actually knew of any such cheating is based entirely on supposition. The further conclusion that Dr. Hall “should have known” rests on negative inferences from selective, circumstantial evidence.

We reaffirm Dr. Hall’s position that she most definitely did not know of any widespread cheating on the CRCT in 2009 or any other year. The certification Dr. Hall issued in connection with the 2009 CRCT was based on her honest belief that test protocols and security procedures had been followed and that those involved had acted appropriately. Although the Investigators accuse Dr. Hall of failing to cooperate fully with their efforts, they do not cite anything that Dr. Hall herself did in that regard, nor do they cite evidence to show that any so-called “obstruction” resulted from any direction on her part. We deny that Dr. Hall has engaged in any intentional wrongdoing whatsoever.