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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Students in grades 3-8 will be taking the New York State English Language Arts assessment over the course of three school days in March and the New York State Mathematics assessment over the course of three school days in May. No single assessment provides a complete picture of student achievement. However, when these annual assessments are combined with other diagnostic data, teacher reports and classroom tests, they provide important information about a student's progress. State assessments provide us with an objective means of measuring how your child, the school, and our district are doing compared to their peers and other students across the state.

Although we encourage all students to take these exams, we also respect a parent/guardian's choice to have their child refuse to take the assessments. **To that end, we respectfully request to receive "opt out" letters by Friday, March 17, 2017. These letters should be sent to the building principals.** It is our goal to provide a proper testing environment for our students taking the assessments, while setting up additional space/classrooms for students who will not take the exams.

Students who do not take the assessments will be afforded the opportunity for quiet reading time in classrooms with teachers. **Our request for building principals to receive all letters by March 17, 2017** will allow us time to organize the buildings accordingly during the testing days.

NYS Assessment Schedule

	ELA	MATH
Grades 3-8	March 28, 29, 30	May 2, 3, 4
Please note: All assessments begin in the morning		

Thank you for your help and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Donald B. Murphy, Ed.D.
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