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Dear Families,

This spring our students in Grades 3-8 will be taking the New York State English Language Arts and Mathematics Assessments, as well as the Science Assessment in Grades 5 and 8. These tests are designed to measure how well students are mastering the learning standards that guide classroom instruction. Testing will take place on the following days:

Grade	ELA Test Dates	Math Test Dates	Science Test Date	Test Format
3-5	April 11th- April 12th	May 8th-9th		Computer-Based
6-8	April 8th- April 9th	May 6th-7th		Computer-Based
5 & 8			May 14th	Computer-Based

The New York State Education Department has begun the process of transitioning all 3-8 testing in ELA, Math, and Science, to computer-based assessments. After a successful administration of the 5th and 8th-grade assessments last spring, we plan to administer all NYS assessments digitally this year. Students will be using their district-provided devices for these assessments.

In late January, we will be participating in a statewide computer-based testing simulation in Grade 8 Science to assess our technology infrastructure and to evaluate our readiness for actual testing this spring.

Please be advised that this move to digital testing by the New York State Education Department represents changes in standardized testing nationwide. Computer-based testing is believed to improve test delivery, test integrity, and the turn-around time on testing results.

We recognize that parents will make a decision they believe to be in the best interest of their child. **We ask that you only fill out our State Assessment Participation Form if your child is not participating in a state assessment.** This form should be completed no later than Tuesday, April 2nd to allow for building administration to appropriately plan. We ask that you complete this form even if you have already sent a letter or email to your building administration regarding your wishes.

Your building's participation form can be found here:

[Google Form in English](#)
[Google Form in Spanish](#)

Thank you,

John Avena, Principal