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Success for Every Student

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Dear Parents/ Guardians;

It may be hard to believe but Spring is nearly upon us! As you know this is traditionally the time of year that New York State administers assessments in grades 3-8 in ELA and Mathematics. There have been many changes throughout this school year, including state assessments.

Earlier this winter New York State requested a waiver from the federal government to cancel all state assessments. This waiver has been denied. In order to be in compliance with the federal requirements for annual assessments through the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), we will be administering the following assessments in grades 3-5:

	NYS ELA		NYS Math		NYS Science	
	Session 1		Session 1		Written Session	
Grade	Test Date	Make Ups		Makeups		Makeups
3	<i>April 20th</i>	<i>April 21st- 29th</i>	<i>May 4th</i>	<i>May 7th- 13th</i>		
4	<i>April 21st</i>	<i>April 21st- 29th</i>	<i>May 5th</i>	<i>May 7th- 13th</i>	<i>June 7th</i>	<i>June 8th- 10th</i>
5	<i>April 22nd</i>	<i>April 21st- 29th</i>	<i>May 6th</i>	<i>May 7th- 13th</i>		

As you can see from the chart, only Session 1 of the ELA and Mathematics assessments will be administered. Please note that Session 1 has been reduced in length by the removal of the embedded field questions. In Science, the hands-on component of the test has been eliminated, so there will only be Session 1 which is comprised of the written component. Please also know that the test can only be administered “in-person.” If your child is currently participating in our “full remote” program, you can choose to have your child take the assessment at your home school on the designated dates above.

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We recognize that parents will make decisions that they believe to be in the best interest of their children. To that end, we request that each family fill out our **State Assessment Participation Form** located on your home school's website no later than *Friday, April 9th* so that building administrative teams can safely and appropriately plan for all students on those dates. We ask that you complete this form even if you have already sent in a letter or email to your building administration regarding your wishes. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

The link for Gardiners Avenue can be found here: <https://forms.gle/yZRHgkzHTsZVHk3i6>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Winch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and a stylized "W".

Todd Winch
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