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Dear Parents or Guardians,

On April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School will administer the New York State assessment in English Language Arts for grades 5-8. This untimed assessment will provide us with information regarding your child's progress in the areas of reading comprehension and writing, that will assist us in providing an optimal educational experience.

The test format is as follows:

2019 Grades 5-6 English Language Arts Test Design			
	Session 1	Session 2	Total
	Reading	Writing	
Passages	5	5	8
Multiple-Choice Questions	35	0	35
Short-Response Questions	0	6	6
Extended Response Questions	0	1	1
	Total number of Literacy Passages		3-5
	Total number of Informational Passages		3-5

2019 Grades 7-8 English Language Arts Test Design			
	Session 1	Session 2	Total
	Reading	Writing	
Passages	5	3	8
Multiple Choice Questions	35	0	35
Short Response Questions	0	7	7
Extended Response Questions	0	1	1
	Total number of Literacy Passages		3-5
	Total number of Informational Passages		3-5

Students will sit for these assessments with their ELA classes on **Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**. Your child's ELA teacher will announce and regularly remind students of the days and times of the assessment. As always, testing modifications and accommodations will be provided for all students requiring them.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Main Office.

Sincerely,

Alice Bowman  
Principal