

PLAINVIEW-OLD BETHPAGE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This year, the New York State Grades 3-8 English Language Arts Assessment will be administered on **Wednesday, April 3rd and Thursday, April 4th**; and, the Grades 3-8 Mathematics Assessment will be administered on **Thursday, May 2nd and Friday, May 3rd**.

Our strong academic program has prepared our students for these assessments. While we value the information these assessments provide us, we recognize that they are not the sole indicator of success. Throughout the year, students are informally and formally assessed and their progress is monitored. Results from the New York State Grades 3-8 Assessments are made available in August, and we will provide you a detailed report of your child's performance on these assessments.

Students will be afforded unlimited time and New York State Education Department has provided estimated times for which the exams should be completed. If students require more time beyond the estimated time, we will move these students to a separate testing location to provide the children with the time needed to complete the exam. Children refusing exams will be brought back to their classrooms at the end of the estimated time period to continue with their instructional day. All children will have a snack break in the morning whether they are taking the assessments or not.

We want to give our students every opportunity to succeed and perform to the best of his/her ability. We ask that your child get a good night's sleep and come to school having eaten a healthy breakfast.

The district does not encourage the refusal of the exams; however, we recognize this is a parent decision to make. For parents choosing to opt their children out of taking the New York State Grades 3-8 Assessments, a letter to your child's principal must be received by March 21st, 2019. We have also provided a link that may help answer questions pertaining to the refusal of taking the state exams.

We value our partnership with you and appreciate your support of our schools. Thank you for your cooperation in following the guidelines outlined in this letter. If you have any questions about the assessments, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's principal or me.

Sincerely,

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