



PLAINVIEW-OLD BETHPAGE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dr. Mary O'Meara
Superintendent of Schools

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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 **Thursday, April 21st and Thursday, April 22nd** and the Grades 3-8 Mathematics Assessment will be administered on **Wednesday, May 5th and Thursday, May 6th**. We understand there is still discussion on the details of this administration occurring within the New York State Education Department and changes to this schedule or how the assessments are administered may occur.

Despite the disruptions of the pandemic, we are confident the level of instruction provided our students will see our students performing well on these assessments. Please understand that our internal system of assessing and addressing students' progress in reading, writing, and mathematics assures our students' progress is closely monitored. These assessments do not impact a students' report card grade but are a requirement of the Federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Results from the New York State Grades 3-8 Assessments are typically made available in August. We will provide you a detailed report of your child's performance on these assessments as soon as NYS Parent Reports are made available to us.

Administering a two-day assessment with the current COVID restrictions poses logistical issues that require careful planning. Therefore, to assure students' health and safety during the administration, our schools will need ample time to prepare. Please complete the form below to indicate if your child will not be taking these assessments. A child's refusal to take these assessments or "Opt-Out", is a parent's decision. Our schools are asking for advance notice to prepare appropriate environments for students taking the assessments, and for students who are not. [Please use this link](#) to indicate if you will not have your child take the NYS ELA and/or Math Assessment.

If you have any questions about the assessments, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's Principal, or:

Ms. Eileen Annino, K-6 Literacy Chairperson, eannino@pobschools.org

Mr. Jeffrey Yagaloff, 7-12 English Chairperson, jyagaloff@pobschools.org

Ms. Genevieve LaGattuta, K-12 Mathematics Chairperson, glagattuta@pobschools.org

Sincerely,

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