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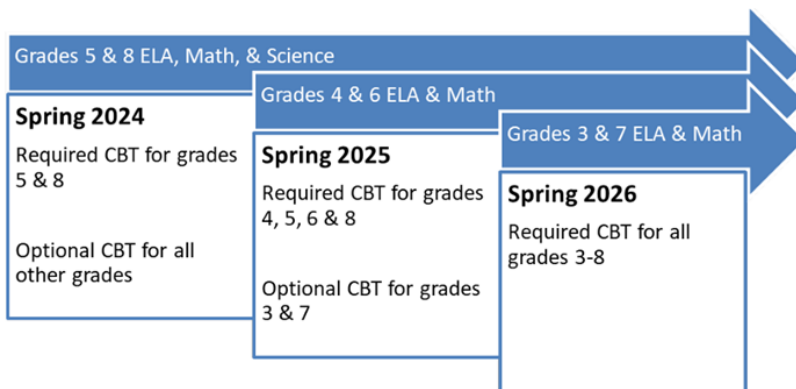
Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) has been transitioning to Computer-Based Testing (CBT) for the New York State (NYS) 3-8 Math, English Language Arts (ELA), and Science exams since 2016. Although this has been optional for several years, the State has shared that all students in grades five and eight will be required to take the NYS exams for ELA, Math, and Science on the computer in the spring of 2024.

In anticipation of this requirement, our District Leadership Team has decided to trial the computer-based tests in grades four and seven this spring. All fourth-grade students at both Ogden and Hewlett Elementary Schools will take the NYS ELA exam on the computer in April 2023. All seventh graders at Woodmere Middle School will take the NYS Math exam on the computer in May 2023. The decision to trial CBT in both fourth and seventh grades centered on the fact that these students will be required to take the NYS exams on the computer in 2024. This will allow us to prepare the students for this testing format, experience the process from the planning side, and make sure that our system functions properly.

It is important to note that our students take the NWEA on the computer two to three times a year. The students will be familiar with the format of the test due to seeing a very similar format on the NWEA. In addition, we will be doing a test simulation in January for the fourth and seventh graders where they will take a 10-question assessment on the same platform as the NYS tests. This is a NYS requirement when participating in computer-based testing. Additionally, all testing accommodations will be provided to students who need them.

The full NYSED timeline for computer-based testing can be seen below.



Thank you for your understanding and support. Please contact my office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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