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New York State Education Testing Program English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science Tests

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Dear Grades 3-8 Parents & Guardians:

In a few weeks, the New York State English Language Arts (Grades 3-8), Mathematics (Grades 3-8), and Science (Grades 5 & 8) Tests will be administered to students. As prohibited by state law, New York State grades 3-8 individual student scores are **not** on student transcripts or permanent records. The state assessment results are used to help:

- Parents learn about their children’s academic achievement;
- Teachers understand how well students are learning what is being taught;
- School, district, and state education leaders determine what is and is not working well; and
- Stakeholders identify achievement gaps that may be forming among different student populations.

Students participate in these tests (paper-based or computer-based) within the regularly scheduled school day. Students will test over two testing days and each test will be untimed. The tests will be administered as follows:

Test	Exam Dates	Makeup Dates
English Language Arts Paper-Based Testing (PBT) Grades 3, 4, 6, 7	Thursday, April 11 Friday, April 12	Monday, April 15 Tuesday, April 16 Wednesday, April 17
English Language Arts Computer-Based Testing (CBT) Grades 5 & 8	Tuesday, April 16 Wednesday, April 17	Make-ups must be given within the testing window. By Friday, May 17
Mathematics Computer-Based Testing (CBT) Grades 5 & 8	Wednesday, May 1 Thursday, May 2	Make-ups must be given within the testing window. By Friday, May 17
Mathematics Paper-Based Testing (PBT) Grades 3, 4, 6, 7	Tuesday, May 7 Wednesday, May 8	Friday, May 10 Monday, May 13 Tuesday, May 14
Science Computer-Based Testing (CBT) Grades 5 & 8	Tuesday, May 14	Make-ups must be given within the testing window. By Friday, May 17

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Your child's teacher has provided him/her with important strategies to respond to a variety of questions that may appear on the test. Below are simple things that can be done to help ensure that your child does well on his/her upcoming state tests:

1. Make sure your child gets plenty of rest.
2. Make sure your child arrives to school on time so they can have a nutritious breakfast.
3. Remind your child not to rush, but rather to pace themselves.

Should you have any questions about the tests or require additional information for helping your child, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or principal. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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