



ELIZABETH FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Assistant Superintendent

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

If you wish to opt your child out of the PSSA due to religious beliefs, please follow these steps:

- 1. Submit a Written Request:** Contact your child's building principal in writing/email to express your intention to review the PSSA assessments.
- 2. Review the Assessment:** Upon your request, the school will schedule a time for you to review the assessment materials (Early April) on district property, under supervision, to ensure confidentiality. You will be required to sign a Parent Confidentiality Agreement during this review.
- 3. Formal Objection:** If, after reviewing the test, you find it conflicts with your religious beliefs, submit a written request to the Superintendent stating your objection and desire to have your child excused from the assessment.
- 4. Alternative Arrangements:** If your child is excused from the assessment, the school will provide an alternative learning environment during testing times.

Please note that opting out is only permissible on religious grounds as per Pennsylvania Department of Education guidelines.

Sincerely,

Dr. Perry

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