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Dear Parent/Guardians,

On May 13, 2025, your student will be participating in the Keystone standardized testing for Algebra, a state-mandated standardized assessment for all students enrolled in Algebra. This is a full day exam with one module in the morning and another module in the afternoon. The Keystone Exams are end-of-course assessments designed to evaluate proficiency in academic content. The assessments are designed to assist school districts in determining the quality of their educational programs. Parents can reassure children that these assessments give them an opportunity to demonstrate their learning and help teachers plan the best possible instruction. These assessments will also determine school achievement for the school and district. Please know participation in the Keystone Exams is a requirement for graduation pathways according to PA Act 158.

To best prepare your child for success on the day of the exam, we encourage students to:

- Get enough sleep (at least 8 hours) and be well rested
- Start the day with enough time to get to school without rushing
- Eat breakfast at home or at school. All students will have the option to eat breakfast from 7:55a-8:15a on the day of the test.
- Dress comfortably or in layers
- Avoid unnecessary absences and attempt to not schedule doctor appointments on the test date

Included with this letter are important documents from the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) for further information regarding PSSA and electronic devices.

- Frequently Asked Questions – Information for Parents or Guardians provides an overview of the basics of the Keystone Exams
- Electronic Devices Parent Letter includes details of the PDE policy on electronic devices and consequences for cell phone, or other electronic device usage during testing.

Please note, a student identified/found with a cell phone in their possession will require an immediate investigation to ensure test security has not been breached and may include disciplinary action at the school level, in addition to potential consequences from PDE.

If you have any questions regarding the upcoming state testing, please contact the School Assessment Coordinator, Ashley Deurlein, at adeurlein@cgsd.org.

Thank you,

Dr. Kelly Lombard
Junior High Principal