ELIZABETH FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Assistant Superintendent

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Requesting an Exemption from the PSSA/Keystone Exams

If you wish to request that your child be excused from the PSSA/Keystone Exams, please follow the steps outlined below:

1. **Submit a Written Request to Review the Assessment**

   Contact your child's building principal in writing (email is acceptable) to indicate your intent to review the PSSA assessment.

2. **Schedule a Review Appointment**

   Upon receiving your request, the school will schedule a supervised appointment (anticipated early April) for you to review the assessment materials on district property. To ensure test security and confidentiality, you will be required to sign a Parent Confidentiality Agreement at the time of review.

3. **Submit a Formal Written Objection**

   After reviewing the assessment, if you believe the content conflicts with your religious beliefs, you must submit a written request to the Superintendent stating your objection and your desire to have your child excused from the assessment. This written request **must be received no later than April 13, 2026**.

4. **Alternative Educational Arrangements**

   If your request is approved, the school will provide an alternative learning environment for your child during the assessment period.

Please note that, in accordance with Pennsylvania Department of Education guidelines, exemptions from the PSSA are permitted **only for religious reasons**.

Sincerely,

Dr. Perry

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