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To the Parent/Guardian of:

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Standardized tests are required of homeschooled children in grades three, five and eight without exception. The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) provides a list of nationally normed standardized tests, per the law, which may be used by those who do not wish to take advantage of the free PSSA testing at their district schools (24 P.S.13-1327.1 (e)(1)). This list is available in the Home Education Program Basic Education Circular (BEC).

The Pocono Mountain School District will be administering the Pennsylvania Assessment (PSSA) test between the dates of **April 20 – May 8, 2026**, in our district schools. If you wish for your child to participate in the Pennsylvania Assessment (PSSA) testing which our district is giving to our students, please make arrangements by contacting the Guidance Counselor at the school your child would attend. Please notify the counselor no later than **March 27, 2026**.

Should you have any questions, please contact my office at 570-839-7121, ext. 10161.

Sincerely,

Catherine Sweeney

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