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Dear Parents/Guardians of Students in Grades 3-8:

As a district, we aim to provide our students with a high-quality education. In doing so, we utilize multiple assessments to inform instructional decision making. This includes classroom assessments, progress monitoring assessments, and the New York State Grade 3-8 Assessments in English Language Arts, and mathematics.

This year, our students will be administered the New York State Grade 3-8 Assessments via computer. The Computer Based Test (CBT) for both ELA and mathematics assessment will be administered in two sessions and remain untimed, which allows students to work at their own pace to complete the tests to the best of their ability. We hope to have maximum student attendance and participation during the testing period.

For your reference, the site below provides more information about ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act); the most recent federal law that requires states to ensure public schools are serving all students well.

<http://www.nysed.gov/essa/information-parents>

This year the New York State Assessments will be administered as follows:

NYS ELA Assessment (Grades 3-8) 2026)	April 15 - April 17, 2026 (Makeup April 17, 2026)
NYS Math Assessment (Grades 3-8) 2026)	April 22 – April 24, 2026 (Makeup April 24, 2026)

As always, should you have any questions, please reach out to your child's teacher or me. We appreciate your continued support as we strive to provide all East Islip students with the skills and knowledge to become exceptional leaders and learners.

Sincerely,

Deborah Y. Smith, Ed.D.
Principal