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Dear Parents/Guardians of Students in Grades 5th and 8th:

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 5 and Grade 8 Science Assessment.

This year, our students will be administered the New York State Science Grade 5 and Grade 8 Assessments via computer. The Computer Based Test (CBT) for the Science assessment will be administered and remain untimed, which allows students to work at their own pace to complete the test 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 Science **April 29, 2026 (Makeup April 30, 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,
Janet Jones
Principal