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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The New York State ELA assessment begins tomorrow and will be followed by Math next week. Each test is given over the course of three days. These tests will be untimed and students who work to complete the tests will have as long as necessary during the day to complete the exams. These exams have been developed with teacher input and are not used to evaluate our school or teachers, nor are scores averaged into report card grades or used as sole arbitrator for retention decisions. They can, however, assist in planning lessons that work to create better student outcome.

In order for your child to have a good test experience, please remember to have your child to school on time, well rested, and having eaten a good breakfast. Additionally, to keep test stress levels low, it helps to not overemphasize the tests being the most important part of what your child does in school or who they are as young people.

Finally, our daily schedule will be adjusted to ensure no grade misses their special subject classes during test weeks. Tests will begin at approximately 9:15; after 11:00 anyone still testing will be supervised by me. Neither lunch nor recess will be missed and, if necessary, testing will continue after 12:30. This break is allowed by New York State guidelines.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at school.

Sincerely,

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