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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I wanted to contact you ahead of the administration of New York State tests in grades 3-8, which begin the first week of May. The tests have been shortened from three days to two days this year. The schedule is as follows...

Wednesday April 11, 2018	English Language Arts test
Thursday April 12, 2018	English Language Arts test
Tuesday May 2, 2018	Math test
Wednesday May 3, 2018	Math test

As always, we ask that parents help your children to get a good night's sleep the nights before testing, and a good breakfast on the morning of the test, to best prepare them for the day.

While we respect the wishes of parents to request that their children not take the assessments, I want to let you know that we do gain a number of benefits from our students' participation in the testing program. From our test scores, we are able to get data on skills and areas that need improvement, both to inform us about individual student needs, and about our curriculum, and areas that we can improve instruction.

We are hoping that all students will be taking the assessments, however, if you feel strongly that you do not want your child to participate in the assessments, we will need a note from you by this Thursday, March 29th stating that you would like to opt your child out of the assessments. We will make arrangements accordingly.

Thank you.

Mark Foti
K-6 Principal