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Dear Parents & Guardians,

The New York State Grades 3-8 English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics Tests, and the Grades 5 and 8 Science Tests will commence as indicated on our school calendar. All of our students will be taking the Computer Based Testing (CBT) on their Chromebooks as part of the New York State required rollout.

Plainedge values your child beyond test scores and wants to highlight positive changes made by the New York State Education Commissioner and Board of Regents in response to parent and educator concerns. These improvements enhance the testing program, and we encourage students to participate in the Grades 3-8 ELA, Mathematics, and Science Assessments.

The State Education Department continues to listen to feedback from both parents and educators and have implemented the following:

- Fewer testing days, reduced questions, and unlimited time
- 75% of test questions released for review
- Clearer score reports for parents
- No impact on teacher or principal evaluations

The state assessment results are used to help:

- Parents learn about their children's academic achievement
- Teachers assess student learning to tailor and improve individualized instruction
- Educational leaders assess what is effective and what needs improvement
- Stakeholders identify and address achievement gaps among different student groups
- Identify your child's mastered skills and areas of growth
- Teachers and principals promptly provide the necessary resources and supports to our students

You can find more information about the [State tests](#) on the State Education Department's website. Again, we are encouraging our students to take the 3-8 New York State Assessments in ELA, April 7th – 11th, Mathematics, April 22nd – 25th, and Science, May 12th.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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