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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) submitted a formal request to the United States Department of Education (USDOE) to waive state testing requirements for elementary, middle and high school students. New York State's waiver request was not approved. As a result of the waiver denial, New York State's and given the current COVID related environment, NYS has modified the assessments. Only Session 1 of the ELA and Mathematics Tests will be administered to elementary and middle school students in grades 3-8. In addition, students in Grades 4 & 8 will take the single session written Science assessment. The following changes have also been made to the Spring 2021 administration:

- Embedded field test questions have been removed reducing the length of these assessments
- Session 1 of ELA and math will be all multiple choice
- The testing window has been extended to allow for make-ups for each assessment
- The assessments remain untimed

The NYS assessments will be administered to Grades 3-8 students according to the following schedule:

Grade	ELA	ELA Make-Up Dates	Math	Math Make-Up Dates	Science	Science Make-Up Dates
		April 19-29th		May 3-14th		June 8-11th
Grade 3	April 27th		May 13th			
Grade 4	April 22nd		May 12th		June 8th	
Grade 5	April 20th		May 11th			
Grade 6	April 22nd		May 12th			
Grade 7	April 22/23		May 5/6			
Grade 8	April 22/23		May 5/6		June 8th	

According to the New York State Education Department, students receiving full remote instruction are not expected to participate in the tests.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.


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