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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The purpose of this letter is to share with you some positive changes that have been made regarding the Grades 7-8 state assessments in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics.

- **Fewer test sessions - A decrease from three test days to two test days**
- **Computer based testing (CBT) - Tests will be administered on the computer rather than paper. The Science 8 exam will remain paper based.**

Grade 7	ELA - April 10 & 11	Math - May 1 & 2
Grade 8	ELA - April 12 & 13	Math - May 3 & 4

We are excited to make the transition to computer based testing for our grades 7-8 state assessments. The transition has given our students access to practice tests which they have been working through with their respective teachers on Chromebooks. Students already use the Chromebooks for classroom projects, assessments, and lectures in their classes. We expect a smooth transition as we switch from paper based testing to computer based testing for our 7th and 8th grade students this year.

Participating in the grades 7-8 grade assessments in ELA and Math helps to provide our teachers with important information regarding how your child is meeting the state standards. These assessments identify areas of strength as well as opportunities for growth for each student and as a result help teachers target instruction to ensure success in meeting proficiency in the content areas. Therefore, it is critical that students participate in the 7-8 assessments so that we have this information to inform instructional practice and remediate students who fall below proficiency expectation.

It is our expectation that all students participate in the NYS assessments this school year so that we can use this information to continue to guide our teaching and help determine what supports your child may need. We hope that you will support our efforts to use this information to inform instructional practice here at the Jr. High School. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or school administrator. We thank you for your ongoing support in your child's academic success.

Sincerely,



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