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Dear Parents of All 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students,

On Tuesday, April 2 and Wednesday, April 3, all students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will be taking the 2019 New York State ELA assessment. Make-up dates for the ELA Exam are April 4, 5, 8, and 9. In addition, on Wednesday, May 1 and Thursday, May 2, all students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will be taking the 2019 New York State Math assessment. Make-up dates for the Math Exam are May 3, 6, 7, and 8.

Please make sure that your child has a good night's rest, has a healthy breakfast, is punctual and present in school those days, and if they wear eyeglasses, he/she brings them to school.

It is very important that students arrive on time as lateness impacts everyone involved in testing.

**VERY IMPORTANT INFO. REGARDING CELL PHONES & ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

*I have included a directive issued from the NYS Testing Department on the back of this letter. Please read it carefully and discuss it with your child. We will be following all NYSED procedures on testing days.*

**2019 ELA & MATH EXAMS**

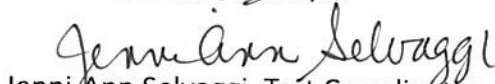
In 2019, both English Language Arts and Mathematics tests will continue to consist of two sessions for each grade that will be administered over two days (as opposed to three-day tests).

Test booklets will continue to be **'spiraled'** within a school, which means that students taking the same assessment may receive different test forms and must bubble the correct test form on their answer documents. Furthermore, the ELA and Math exams will remain **untimed**. Students will have as much time as they need as long as they are *working productively*.

| Exam – Grade    | Estimated Testing Time                    |
|-----------------|---|
| ELA – Gr. 3 - 4 | 60-70 minutes Day 1, 70-80 minutes Day 2  |
| ELA - Gr. 5     | 80-90 minutes Day 1, 90-100 minutes Day 2 |
| Math – Gr. 3    | 55-65 minutes Day 1 & 60-70 minutes Day 2 |
| Math – Gr. 4    | 65-75 minutes per day                     |
| Math – Gr. 5    | 80-90 minutes Day 1 & 70-80 minutes Day 2 |

We are looking forward to showing off and celebrating all our academic achievements to the city and state! Any questions or concerns, please let us know.

  
 Steven Schwartz, Principal

  
 Jenni-Ann Selvaggi, Test Coordinator

## ASSESSMENT MEMORANDUM

Cell phones and other prohibited devices should be collected from all students entering the room in which the test is being administered and returned to the student after the student finishes the test and leaves the testing room, in accordance with individual school policies. Students may not access prohibited devices during break periods.

During state testing, schools should establish a collection point upon students entering the building/classroom prior to the test administration, or suggest that students securely store them in a locker prior to entering the testing room. Admission to the test shall be denied to any student who refuses to relinquish a prohibited device. Possession of a prohibited device at any time during the test administration, even if powered off, shall result in the test being invalidated. Students will not be provided with an opportunity to make-up the exam on a subsequent day. Refer to the Test Security section and Attachment # 10 for more information.

Cell phones and other prohibited devices include, but are not limited to:

Cell phones

Blackberry devices and other PDAs

iPods and MP3 players

iPads, tablets, and other eReaders

Laptops, notebooks, or any other personal computing devices

Cameras or other photographic equipment

Smart watches

Headphones, headsets, or in-ear headphones such as earbuds

Any other devices capable of recording audio, photographic or video content, or capable of viewing or playing back such content

Refer to the Test Security sheet (Attachment # 10) for details on the required reporting procedures to be followed should a test security violation be observed or suspected. The information can also be viewed [online](#).