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Dear Parents of All 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Students,

On Wednesday, March 25 and Thursday, March 26, all students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will be taking the 2020 New York State ELA assessment. Make-up dates for the ELA Exam are March 27, 30, 31 and April 1. In addition, on Wednesday, April 22 and Thursday, April 23, all students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will be taking the 2020 New York State Math assessment. Make-up dates for the Math Exam are April 24, 27, and 28.

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

It is also 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.

THE 2020 ELA & MATH EXAMS

Both English Language Arts and Mathematics tests will continue to consist of two sessions for each grade that will be administered over two days. 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.

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