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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Middle school students in New York State take yearly state tests in core academic subjects to assess their mastery of the NYS Learning Standards. Measuring student progress is part of the instructional program at the Pearl River School District. Participation in these tests are important because the results allow teachers to differentiate and strengthen their instructional practice to support each students' needs.

We will be administering the Grade 8 State exams in the mornings as follows:

NYS Grade 8 ELA assessment for all Grade 8 students.

- April 11, 12 2 days of testing

NYS Grade 8 Math assessment for 8th Grade students taking Math 8. **Grade 8 students taking Algebra are exempt.**

- May 1, 2 2 days of testing

NYS Grade 8 Science assessment for 8th Grade students taking Science 8. **Grade 8 students taking Earth Science are exempt.**

- May 23, May 24 - Science Performance test- your child will test only 1 of these days
- June 4th - Written assessment- 1 day of testing

When each testing session is over, 8th graders will return to their regular class schedule in the afternoon.

Please reach out to your child's subject teacher if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Michael Murphy
Principal