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Spring 2024 Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA)

English/Language Arts (ELA) Assessment for Math Assessment for Science Assessment for	Grades 3 through 8 Grades 3 through 8 Grades 4 and 8	April 23-25, 2024 April 29-30, 2024 May 1-2, 2024
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Dear Families of Students in Grades 3-8:

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has established windows during which the PSSA testing will occur. These assessments are administered in all 500 public school districts in Pennsylvania and with the exception of a very few students who meet specific criteria for participation in an alternate assessment, all district students are expected to participate in the state assessments as shown above.

All assessment items are written to align with Pennsylvania's Academic Standards for the specific subject being assessed. The results of each assessment provide valuable data to the school district, which are used for program planning and improvement purposes. Each assessment is made up of multiple-choice, selected response, and constructed response items. For more information about the different types of items on the ELA, Math, and Science PSSAs, please see the attached Parent/Guardian FAQ document provided by the State.

Two copies of the individual student report for all assessments will be sent to the school district early in the fall for distribution to parents, teachers, guidance counselors, and/or principals. As soon as individual student results are received, a copy will be provided to parents.

On the reverse side of this letter you will find some important information regarding electronic devices as well as the State's Code of Conduct for Test Takers – please review this information with your child prior to the first testing window. Also, we have provided you with a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document prepared by the PA Department of Education that provides more detailed PSSA-related information. If you have any additional questions about the purpose, contents, or assessment process related to the PSSA testing that will occur in April, please contact your child's principal.

Sincerely,

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