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Dear Tuxedo Parents and Caregivers,

We would like to share the testing dates for our spring testing cycle for the New York State Grades 3-8 English Language Arts and Mathematics Tests and the Elementary-level Grade 5 and Intermediate-level Grade 8 Science Tests.

The 2024 Grades 3-8 ELA and Math Tests will be administered on the following dates:

- ELA- April 16-17 for all grades 3-8 with make-ups on April 18-19
- MATH- May 7-8 for all grades 3-8 with make-ups on May 9-10
- SCIENCE- May 14 for grades 5 and 8 only, with make-ups on May 15-17

Importance of exams and key changes to improve assessments and process:

All of these exams will be administered as computer based exams. Results from these exams help us as a district in many ways. They provide data on student learning, help us assess our curriculum, and instructional practices, and help us to make decisions to best support all of our students. As we continue to improve our student participation rates for exams, several key improvements to the assessments and the process have taken place. Some key improvements include:

- Computer based testing for all 3-8 exams.
- Teachers are included in the process of developing test questions.
- Assessments are now shorter. ELA and Math are 2 days each and Science is administered in 1 day. Assessments take roughly 60 minutes to complete.
- While the exams are shorter, there is no longer a time limit on state exams allowing all students to take as much time as they need to complete exams.

The information obtained from these assessments is important. While no single assessment provides a comprehensive summary of student achievement, these tests are one of several tools we use to understand student learning and plan for the future for our students.. These assessments can provide valuable information on student progress when coupled with other diagnostic information, classroom performance, and teacher feedback.

We appreciate your support and partnership in your child's education.

Sincerely,

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