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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

With the season of spring comes the arrival of the annual PSSA assessments for grades three through eight. Students in grades three through eight must participate in the PSSA's applicable to each grade. Results from the English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science assessments will be used for accountability reporting for each building's Future Ready PA Index.

The PSSA assessments are aligned to the Pennsylvania Common Core. The district has updated both the ELA curriculum and the mathematics curriculum and has recently infused a new online testing program to aid in the preparation for PSSA assessments. Additionally, the students in the district have taken the two most recent Edmentum assessments, which are aligned to the common core, throughout the school year to give them practice in test-taking skills so as to help ease test anxiety for when they participate in the PSSA assessments. Listed below are the PSSA testing dates.

3rd - 8th Grade PSSA English Language Arts

Monday - 4/15/19 (AM)

Tuesday - 4/16/19 (AM)

Wednesday - 4/17/19 (AM)

*3rd - 6th Grades - Pencil and Paper
7th & 8th Grades - Online*

3rd - 8th Grade PSSA Mathematics

Monday - 4/29/19 (AM)

Tuesday - 4/30/19 (AM)

*3rd - 6th Grades - Pencil and Paper
7th & 8th Grades - Online*

4th & 8th Grade Science

Thursday - 5/2/19 (AM & PM)

*4th Grade - Pencil and Paper
8th Grade - Online*

Please make every effort to help your child to be rested and ready for the assessments. For additional information on the PSSA assessments you are encouraged to explore the Pennsylvania Department of Education website at www.pde.state.pa.us. Thanks for your attention to these dates and for your continued support in your child's education.

Sincerely,

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