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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you may already be aware, schools are required to administer the NYS 3-8 assessments as part of their accountability system under the Every Student Succeeds Act. Last year, this requirement was waived due to the emergency school closure that resulted from the CoVid-19 pandemic.

This year, the New York State Department of Education will resume its administration of these assessments as required by the United States Department of Education. These assessments include ELA (April 19-29) and Mathematics (May 3-May 14) in grades 3-8, as well as Science (June 7-11) in grades 4 and 8.

The assessments will be administered this year *to those students who attend school in-person* with some modifications:

- There will be only one testing session.
- The assessment has been shortened with a reduced number of questions.
- Students who are receiving entirely remote instruction are not required to participate in taking the test, but are invited to do so if they so choose.
- The assessments will be administered to those students who are not remote. Based on the unique circumstances of the pandemic, if you feel it would not be appropriate for your child to participate this year, please notify your child's teacher or principal in advance of testing administration, but no later than April 14th.

Thank you for your time and attention in reading this letter. Should you have any questions regarding these assessments, please contact your school principal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'C. Persico'.

Carmelina Persico
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