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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

With the arrival of spring comes our annual administration of the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) for students in grades 3–8. All students in these grade levels are required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) to participate in the applicable English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science assessments. PSSA results are also used as part of each school's accountability measures within the Future Ready PA Index.

The PSSA's are aligned to the Pennsylvania Core Standards. Throughout the school year, our district has continued to refine and strengthen our ELA, mathematics, and science curricula to ensure alignment with these standards. Students have also participated in Classroom Diagnostic Tests (CDTs) and a Firefly benchmark assessment to provide practice with online testing tools, build familiarity with test format, reduce test anxiety, and help guide instruction.

All PSSA assessments will be administered online, as mandated by PDE. To ensure devices are fully charged and ready for testing, student iPads will remain at school during the testing window. There will be no online homework assignments during this time.

Below, please find the scheduled PSSA testing dates. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child feel confident, prepared, and ready to do their best.

3rd - 8th Grade PSSA English Language Arts
Monday – 4/20/26 (AM)
Tuesday - 4/21/26 (AM)
Wednesday – 4/22/26 (AM)
ONLINE

3rd - 8th Grade PSSA Mathematics
Monday - 4/27/26 (AM)
Tuesday - 4/28/26 (AM)
ONLINE

5th & 8th Grade PSSA Science
Wednesday - 4/29/26 (AM & PM)
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 PDE SAS. Thanks for your attention to these dates and for your continued support in your child's education.

Sincerely,

Robert Presley
Mr. Robert Presley, Superintendent

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