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Dear Parents,

I am writing to provide information about the Keystone Exams and the Pennsylvania State System of Assessment (PSSA).

Keystone Exams are given at the end of a course when students are taking the following high school courses: Algebra, Biology, and English. The PSSA is given in grades 3 through 8 in Math, English/Language Arts, and Science (Grades 4 and 8 only). Testing dates for these exams will be as follows:

PSSA testing dates:

ELA (grades 3-5)- May 25-27

Math (grades 3-5) - June 1-2

Science (4th grade only) - June 3 & 4

ELA and Math (grades 6-8) – June 1-7

Science (8th grade only) – June 7

Keystone testing dates:

Biology: May 24-26

Algebra and Literature: May 26-27

Middle School Algebra: May 25 & 27

The PA Department of Education did not waive the testing requirement this year but it did provide some relief with regard to the testing procedures.

- Participation rates will not count toward the overall school score on the state report card. Parents may opt out of taking the exam and it will not count against the school.

- Results of the tests will not be used as part of teacher or principal evaluation.
- Parents do not have to plan to review the test before opting out for religious reasons. Notification to opt out of testing is all that is needed.

If you would like to opt your child out of PSSA or Keystone Exams this year, [please visit our website and complete the appropriate opt-out Google Form](#). Please complete one form for each student by April 30.

School principals will be sending more information to parents as we get closer to the testing date.

Thanks for everyone's patience as we plan for another year of state testing.

Sincerely,

Jim Scanlon, Superintendent