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Le Roy Central School Parents/Guardians:

Every spring, the Grades 3-8 English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics Tests are administered to students across New York State. These annual ELA and math tests for students in grades 3-8 are required by the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015. **Therefore, our expectation is that all eligible students in grades 3-8 take the required tests under ESSA so that the Le Roy Central School District can have 100% participation.**

The ELA and math tests are designed to measure how well students are mastering the learning standards that guide classroom instruction and help to ensure that students are on track to graduate from high school with the critical thinking, problem solving, and reasoning skills needed for success in college and the modern workplace. The tests also show how schools and districts are progressing with the learning standards and can support professional development for teachers.

The annual assessments are only one of several indicators that we use for student performance here at Le Roy Central School. There have been many positive changes that have taken place over the past two years that benefit both students and teachers. Please refer to the following for this year's testing updates:

- The 2019 Grades 3-8 ELA and Math Tests are two sessions per subject.
- With fewer test sessions, each test will have substantially fewer questions than in recent years, lessening test fatigue for students and better enabling them to demonstrate what they know and are able to do.
- The 2019 assessments will continue to be untimed. This basically means that students will have as much time as they need on the test during the confines of the regular school day.
- Student performance on the 2019 Grades 3-8 ELA and Mathematics Tests will have no employment-related consequences for teacher and principal evaluations. This means no teachers or principals in New York State public schools will be affected by the results.
- Test questions are reviewed and written by New York State Teachers. Hundreds of New York State educators were involved in creating, reviewing, and selecting questions for the test forms.
- The 2019 Score Reports for Parents will feature the redesigned format and easy-to-understand language that was introduced in 2016. The updated reports are

clearer and provide more information about what students should know and be able to do at each grade level.

Lastly, the following testing schedule is set for the both the Jr/Sr High School and Wolcott Street School for April (ELA) and May (math):

English Language Arts

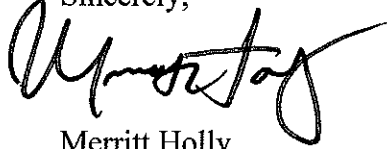
- 7th and 8th Grade ELA – Tuesday, April 2nd and Wednesday April 3rd
- 3rd – 6th Grades ELA - Tuesday, April 2nd and Wednesday April 3rd

Mathematics

- 7th and 8th Grade Math – Wednesday May 1st and Thursday, May 2nd
- 3rd – 6th Grade Math – Wednesday May 1st and Thursday, May 2nd

If you have any further questions about your child taking these assessments, please contact your child's building principal or myself.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Merritt Holly', written in a cursive style.

Merritt Holly