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Dear Grade 3 to 8 Parents:

The **New York State ELA test** will be administered to our 3rd through 8th grade students on Wednesday, 4/11/18 and Thursday, 4/12/18. They will have two days of testing, from Wednesday through Thursday. This exam is made up of several types of ELA activities to assess your child's ELA achievement based on New York State learning standards. It has multiple-choice, short-response and extended-response questions. Each multiple-choice question is followed by four choices, one of which is the correct answer. Students record their responses on a separate answer sheet. The short-response and extended-response questions require students to write (rather than select) appropriate responses. Students write their answers to these questions directly in their test books. Our teachers have worked hard to prepare the students to do their best on this test.

You can help by doing the following:

- Talk to your child about the importance of doing the best job that he/she is capable of doing.
- Assure your child that you are confident he/she will do a fine job.
- Be sure your child gets to bed early the night before.
- It is hard to do your best without proper nourishment. Be sure your child has a good breakfast at home or send them to school for school breakfast at 7:30 A.M.
- Make sure your child arrives at school on time. Latecomers will not be permitted to take the test with the class.

Please note: Cell phones and other electronic communication devices are prohibited during state exams. If your child has one, he/she must hand it in to his/her teacher. Any child in possession of such a device during a state exam is at risk of serious consequences, perhaps having their results deemed invalid. We look forward to your child's success.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Helena Castilla-Byrne
Principal