

# WEBUTUCK CENTRAL SCHOOLS

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Dear Webutuck Families,

Annually, at this time of the school year, New York State expects our students in Grades 3-8 to sit for the NYS ELA, Math, & Science Assessments. The NYS Department of Education has petitioned the Federal Government requesting a waiver of these assessments for Grades 3-8 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As of yet, the waiver has not been granted.

This year, New York State has made some changes to the test format. The Math and ELA grades 3-8 will be single-session tests. The length of the test is shorter by the removal of the embedded multiple-choice field test questions. Lab practical's are not required as part of the Science assessment.

Below is Webutuck's plan to administer these assessments if NYS's petition for the waiver of these assessments is not granted by the Federal Government:

## **Our plan for testing will be the following:**

- We will be administering only Session One of both the ELA and Math Assessments during the Spring of 2021.
- We will not be testing the Lab Practical's for grades 4/8 Science during the Spring of 2021.
- We **will not** be requiring our Remote Students to sit for any of the assessments. If a family that is remote would like to have their student take any of these assessments, they will need to make an appointment with the building principal in order to have their remote student come in to take the assessment.
- Students that attend school In-Person will sit for the assessments **unless a parent requests for their student to not participate** in the assessment. We ask that any parent that **does not want their student to participate** in the NYS Assessments **contact their student's teacher with that request.**

Students who are not testing (opt-outs), hybrid, and fully virtual students will work on other materials in the classroom or at home (asynchronous) while tests are being administered.

In the next few days, you will be receiving specific information from your Principals about the testing schedule and test procedures. Please contact the building administrator of your child's school if you have any questions, including opting your student out of any exams.

Sincerely,

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