

# DAYTON AVENUE

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Dear Families:

This spring, students in grades 3-8 will again participate in the administration of English Language Arts and Mathematics Assessments. Students in grade 5 will also take the 5th grade Science assessment, all of which are aligned with the New York State Next Generation Learning Standards. As we did last year, our students will be using their Chromebook for these annual assessments.

Because we are a school participating in [Computer Based Testing \(CBT\)](#), we are required to participate in a CBT Statewide Simulation. The purpose of this is to ensure that the technology infrastructure at both the district and state level are working properly. This simulation will permit our teachers and administrators to ensure that all components of the network system are working in support of our students.

Our students will participate in the simulation on January 30, 2026. Since this simulation is exclusively for the evaluation of our school's technology infrastructure, students do not need to take the ELA and Math. Our students will only take Math.

During the simulation, students will sign into the state assessment portal and be able to explore the state assessment site. This is not an actual assessment, nor will any evaluative data be recorded. Again, this simulation is simply a means for us to gain information on our technology systems. The entire simulation is expected to take less than 20 minutes.

Throughout the year, our students and teachers have been dedicated to mastering grade-level standards. We look forward to the spring administration of the ELA, Math and Science Assessments in grades 3-6 to affirm their hard work and commitment.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Dr. Watkis  
Principal