



## VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

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Dr. Don Sturz  
*Superintendent of Schools*

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The New York State English Language Arts Assessment will take place on Tuesday, April 20 and the New York State Math Assessment will take place on Tuesday, May 4. Please be aware of the following assessment reminders:

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- The United States Department of Education (USDE) chose not to approve New York's waiver request to not administer state assessments this year.
- The students participating will only take Session 1 for English Language Arts and Session 1 for Math.
- In addition, we will administer only the written portion of the Grade 4 New York State Science Assessment on Monday, June 7.
- The New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT) and New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA) will also be administered according to established schedules.
- Full remote students may come to school to participate in the state assessments. Parents must contact the building principal and they will receive information about their schedule from their home school.
- The New York State Education Department has indicated that this year the school districts will not face penalties due to low participation rates.
- If a child is opting out then the parent must write a letter to the building principal before the testing begins.
- The state assessments results will provide one measure of student learning.

If you have any other questions or concerns about the assessments please feel free to contact your building principal.

Sincerely,

Dr. Don Sturz  
Superintendent of Schools