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Parental Opt-Out/Refusal Of NYS Grades 3-8 ELA, Math and Science Assessments

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As testing season approaches, parents have been asking about whether or not children are required to take the NYS Grades 3-8 ELA and Math Assessments. The following are the guidelines on how refusals for these assessments are to be handled:

1. As it is the right of parents/guardians to direct the education and upbringing of their children, the Eldred Central School District will honor a parent/guardian's decision to refuse to take the tests.
2. If a decision is made to refuse any of the Grade 3-8 tests, a letter, email, or the attached statement should be sent to the Principal no later than the first day of the test for which the refusal is given.
3. On the day of the test, an alternate location (library, cafeteria or other similar location) will be provided in order to permit students refusing the tests to read or do other work.

Please know that any decision regarding the assessments that a parent/guardian makes will not affect their child's participation in any program, class, or activity.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's principal or myself.

Sincerely,

John C. Morgano, Ed.D
Superintendent of Schools