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Memo # 20-029

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Connetquot Central School District is committed to providing a quality educational program for all of our students and providing them with the skills necessary to achieve success. Our teachers continue to offer the highest level of instruction for our students ensuring that they achieve the goal of being college and career ready. As you are aware, we will be administering the New York State English Language Arts (ELA) and Math Assessments in grades 3 through 8 in March and April 2020. Pursuant to New York State Education regulations, the Connetquot Central School District is required to administer the assessments to all of our students.

We, as a District, recognize that there are parents who strongly believe that their children should not take the New York State ELA and Math exams, and who may elect to refuse these tests for their children. We believe that the decision to participate in these State Assessments is a personal one and a parent's choice. The District respects the rights of all of our parents/guardians. To that end, **we respectfully request to receive parent letters indicating an intention to opt their child/children out of the ELA and/or Math assessments by Monday, March 2, 2020.** The refusal letter should be sent to your child's building principal and should **indicate the exam or exams that your child will not take.** This will allow building administrators sufficient time to organize their buildings in anticipation of the logistical considerations on the testing days. You will be receiving further information from your building principal regarding acceptable quiet activities for students.

New York State Assessment Schedule

	English Language Arts	Math
Grades 3 -8	March 25 and March 26	April 21 and April 22
*****All assessments are administered in the morning.		

The Connetquot School District is committed to honoring the relationship that exists between the District and the parents of our students, and look forward to continuing a partnership that focuses on what is in the best interest of our students.

Sincerely,

Christina Poppe
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