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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The New York State Education Department requires Mathematics testing for all students in grades 3-8. On Wednesday, May 5, 2010 and Thursday, May 6, 2010, the New York State Mathematics exam will be administered to all students. This exam is used to assess student progress toward New York State standards in mathematics. This exam is also essential to your child's promotion to the next grade. Below are general test-taking strategies to discuss with your child:

- Attendance is a must!
- Have several sharpened #2 pencils.
- A good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast are very important.
- Dress in layers to stay comfortable.
- Poor performance on this exam could mean your child will not be promoted to the next grade.
- Students must take the test seriously and do their best.
- Bring a highlighter to help underline important passages as you read.
- Take your time! The multiple choice questions require higher order thinking skills. Students typically do not use all of the time available to them to think about their answers. Rather than rush through and sit and wait for others to finish, go back and carefully review your responses.

The most important suggestion for doing well on this state test is to come with the attitude that you want to do your best. This will help improve your score. The outcome of this test will determine your future in high school. It's up to you! Please contact your child's teacher if you have any further questions. Good luck!

Sincerely,

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