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Dear Parent or Guardian,

This spring we will once again be administering the *New York State Grades 3-8 English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics Tests*. These tests will once again be administered through a computer based program called Questar. There will be two consecutive testing days per subject, and tests will be untimed. The computer based testing window will be between:

***Grades 3-8 English Language Arts Exam:***

➤ ***April 19th-26th (\*2 consecutive days)***

***Grades 3-8 Mathematics Exam***

➤ ***May 3rd-10th (\*2 consecutive days)***

***Grade 4 and 8 Science Exam***

➤ ***May 25th - June 4th Performance Test***

➤ ***June 7th - Written Test***

In an effort to prepare for the computer based testing format we are required to complete the **New York State Grades 3-8 English Language Arts and Mathematics - Computer Based Testing (CBT) Simulation**. The CBT Simulations offer the opportunity for school staff to evaluate the readiness of their school's internal systems, hardware, and school testing procedures for the CBT. In addition, participation in the simulation prior to testing affords teachers and students the opportunity to practice and strengthen their familiarity with Questar's testing platform. The 40-minute **CBT Simulation is scheduled for Thursday, January 14th 2021.**

Students and families are encouraged to preview the computer-based testing environment online at <https://ny.nextera.questarai.com/tds/#practice>. The New York State Question sampler that can be accessed there also includes accommodation features for students with disabilities, including text-to-speech.

Thank you for your time.

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