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Dear Parent/Guardian:

It is that time of the year for the Pennsylvania School System Assessment (PSSA) tests. All students grades 3-6 will take the PSSA English Language Arts (ELA) April 19, 20 and 22 as well as PSSA Math April 26 and 27, 2021. All grade 4 students will also take the PSSA Science test May 3 and 4, 2021.

Grades 3-6 DVA or full virtual students are given the option to complete the tests on the following dates: ELA Wednesday, April 21; Math Wednesday, April 28; and Science Wednesday, May 5 (Grade 4 Only). Please contact Mrs. Garbisch if your child is unable to report on the assigned day.

Section 4.4 of Chapter 4 provides for the right of parents/guardians to excuse their children from the state assessment (PSSA) if upon inspection of the testing materials, they find the assessment to be in conflict with their religious beliefs. The PSSA will be available for parental review on the week of April 6, 2021. If you would like to review this test you must schedule an appointment with Ms. Garbisch, school counselor, by calling (724) 274-6500. Please be advised that any parent request for a student to be exempt from the PSSA is due in the principal's office by April 6, 2021. Written requests must be received by this date for consideration.

In accordance with the state's heightened security measures, students will not be allowed to bring any personal electronic devices (cell phone, iPod, tablet, laptop, smart watch, Fitbit, or any other devices that can send or receive messages) into the testing room; therefore, personal electronic devices should be left at home. If a student has these items during testing we are required to place a "Do Not Score" label on the test and retake a new form of the test. As such, teachers will be asking students who have cell phones/personal electronics in the classroom at testing time to place these items in a box. Students will be able to retrieve their device after testing is completed.

If you have any questions or concerns about PSSA testing, do not hesitate to contact Ms. Garbisch, [rgarbisch@avsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:rgarbisch@avsd.k12.pa.us).

Sincerely,

Jennifer L. Vecchio  
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