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Dear Parent/Guardian:

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Each year, students in grades 3 through 8 participate in the New Hampshire Statewide Assessment System (NH SAS).

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Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Section 1111(b)(2) and New Hampshire law, RSA 193-C:6 requires each school district in the State to implement a set of high-quality academic assessments that includes, at a minimum, assessments in mathematics, reading/language arts and science to be administered in each of grades 3-8; and in science not less than once during grades 3-5 and grades 6-9. Furthermore, ESSA sections 1111(b)(2)(B) require State assessments to be the “same academic assessments used to measure the achievement of all public elementary school and secondary school students in the State,” and provide for the participation in such assessments to all students.

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State assessments are an important part of a student’s core educational program. They provide an evaluation of student mastery of content and skills in various academic areas, serve as one tool for measuring the degree to which students are on track to graduate high school and be college- and career-ready, and help inform future instruction in the classroom. Along with student work on classroom assignments, projects, essays, and local assessments, state assessment results give teachers and you, the parents, important information about where students are on their path toward academic success. If you choose to exempt your student from the state assessment (permitted in RSA 193-C:6), you must submit a form to your child’s school. Please contact your child’s school to receive a copy of the exemption form. Please understand that if you choose to exempt your student from the assessment, no scores or summary of individual student performance, based on the statewide assessment, will be provided to you or your student. The testing times for the NH SAS are as follows:

Grades 3-8	NH SAS for ELA/Writing/Mathematics (hours)
English Language Arts/Reading	2:00
English Language Arts/Writing	1:30
Mathematics	2:00
Grades 5 and 8	NH SAS for Science (hours)
Science	2:00

Students results for the NH SAS (reading/writing, mathematics and science) are generally available within 10 days upon the student completing the test. Schools will send a student's Individual Score Report home as soon as possible after receiving results, and certainly before the end of the school year.

The NH Department of Education has developed a comprehensive website www.nh.portal.airast.org that is available to everyone. There are resources and information about the test for parents and students. You can take a practice and/or training test at any of the grade levels to see what it will be like for your child. If you have questions, please contact your child's classroom teacher or school principal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelli R. Killen". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Kelli R. Killen
Assistant Superintendent
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