

January 2010

Dear Parent/Guardian:

During the spring of 2010, students in the Boyertown Area School District will be participating in a variety of statewide assessments. They are as follows:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Test/Subject</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Grades 3 - 8 and 11	PSSA Reading and Mathematics	April 7 – 16, 2010
Grades 5, 8 and 11	PSSA Writing	April 19 – 23, 2010
Grades 4, 8 and 11	PSSA Science	April 26 – 30, 2010

These state assessments are designed to help determine the quality of the school program and to assist school personnel in improving the curriculum in our schools.

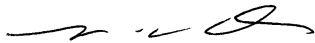
Your child's scores on these tests will be checked carefully and maintained in his/her school record. Should your child transfer to another school district, upon request of an official of that district, the school record will be transferred to your child's new school district. Except for authorized personnel with a legitimate interest, no individual or agency will be permitted to examine your child's school record without your written permission.

To meet the participation rates mandated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, all educational trip requests will not be approved during these test periods.

Parents who wish to request an exemption to testing for religious reasons are required to make an appointment with the building principal, review the test(s), and provide a written rationale for the request citing the section(s) in question. All such written requests must be received by the principal of your child's building no later than March 24, 2010, for the Reading and Mathematics exam; April 5, 2010, for the Writing exam; and April 12, 2010 for the Science exam.

Sincerely,

Brett A. Cooper  
Principal

  
Robert L. Scoboria  
Assistant Superintendent  
for Student/Administrative Services

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