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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is important to remember that your child's participation in the New York State Education Department (NYSED) Grades 3-8 assessments is crucial for several reasons. These assessments provide valuable insights into students' academic progress and performance, helping educators identify areas of strength and areas that may need additional support. The data gathered from these tests not only helps track individual student growth but also informs instructional practices at both the classroom and school levels.

Moreover, participation in NYSED testing allows schools to evaluate their effectiveness in meeting educational standards and benchmarks set by the state. By participating in these assessments, students contribute to the larger goal of improving overall academic achievement and ensuring that educational resources are allocated effectively to support student learning. We encourage all students to participate to help us better understand their educational needs and provide the necessary support for their growth and success.

As we approach the upcoming New York State Education Department Grades 3-8 assessments, I wanted to take a moment to inform you about your right to opt your child out from participating in the assessments.

If you wish to opt your child out of the NYSED Grades 6-8 assessments, please contact me at dbernsley@berlincentral.org or (518) 658-1500 x1005. Your request will be respected, and alternative arrangements will be made for your child during the testing period.

At our school, we understand and respect the decisions made by parents regarding their child's education. We believe that open communication and collaboration between home and school are essential in supporting the academic success and well-being of our students.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the opt-out process, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. Your feedback and involvement are highly valued.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education.

Sincerely,

David S. Bernsley