April 14, 2021

Dear families,

As you are aware, the NYS ELA Test will be held across the state next week. HFIS will be taking the tests in grade level bands. Information was sent home to families on or around March 29, 2021, pertaining to the date on which different grade levels would be testing and/or remote. The reasons we needed to modify our schedule for remote learning on the days of the State Test include but are not limited to:

- The need for additional rooms to safely administer the tests
- The need for additional rooms for students who opt out, as they will need to be separated by grade level
- Additional rooms are needed for IEP and 504 accommodations

Below are the days students will be taking the exam as well as the dates for remote instruction:

- On Tuesday, April 20th, **ONLY** students in grades 3-5 will report to HFIS (students in grades 6-8 will attend classes remotely and follow their Tuesday schedule)

- On Thursday, April 22nd, **ONLY** students in grades 6-8 will report to HFIS (students in grades 3-5 will attend classes remotely and follow their Thursday schedule)
Families who wish to opt out their child:

You only need to complete the form IF you are planning on opting your child out.

Opt Out Form: Please note, if you have multiple children that attend HFIS, you will need to complete a form for each child you wish to opt out.

3-5 Students:
- On April 20th, students in grades 3-5 who have opted out but attend school will be placed in separate locations while other students are testing. Once the test is complete they will join their classmates.
- On April 20th, students in grades 3-5 who are in the Virtual Academy will have asynchronous work until 11:00 am.

6-8 Students:
- On April 22nd, students in grades 6-8 who have opted out but attend school will be placed in a separate location for the tests. Once the test is completed they will rejoin their classmates.
- On April 22nd, students in grades 6-8 who are in the Virtual Academy will have asynchronous work until 11:00 am.

Sincerely,

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Mr. McElduff