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Dear Families,

As many of you know, today was the first day of New York State Tests administration in grades 4-6. This is also the first year that all students in grades 3-8 are taking their assessments using their Chromebooks—this is known as *computer-based testing (CBT)*. Like last year, the testing system got off to a rough start across the entire state. Similar to districts locally and throughout New York, we experienced technical difficulties due to the state's system. Also like last year, the children that were taking the assessments responded beautifully and their teachers were models of patience and flexibility.

There were two primary issues that presented themselves today: 1). an inability to log-in to the system and 2). If a student was able to log-in he/she was unable to submit responses, but their responses are saved and the information was not lost. There was very little disruption to the school day and students and staff carried on as usual. As a result of today's challenges, we will be shifting the testing schedule (see below). **Representatives from NYS have asked districts to avoid administering computer-based testing on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 so they are able to correct their issues and avoid any impact on instruction. The testing window has also been extended from April 10, 2019 to April 12, 2019.**

Thank you for your patience. Please note the revised schedule below.

Sincerely,

Mark D. Linton  
Superintendent

### **Revised Testing Schedule for East Rochester School District**

- Thursday, April 4, 2019: Grades 4, 5 and 6: Finish Session I (if needed) and starting Session II
- Grades 3, 7 and 8 will begin testing during the week of April 8, 2019 instead of this week, as planned.