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Dear Parent/Guardian(s),

Every spring, the New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT) is given to all English Language Learners (ELLs) in grades K-12. The results are used to determine your child's progress in learning English and the level of English as a New Language service your child will receive for the following school year.

This year, the New York State Education Department (NYSED) has determined that assessments will be school-based and in-person, and it will not be possible to administer any of the exams remotely. Students receiving fully-remote instruction are not expected to come to school to take the state exams, including the NYSESLAT. However, families of students in fully-remote instruction may choose to have their children come to school and participate in the state exams.

If your child does not take the Spring 2021 NYSESLAT, he/she will continue to receive the same level of English as a New Language services for the 2021-2022 school year, which is based on the data we have from the 2018-2019 school year and may not reflect your child's proficiency level.

Your child will be tested within the testing windows noted below:

- April 19 – June 9th Speaking session test window (individual student testing)
- May 17 - June 9th Listening, Reading, and Writing

Please note all test dates and times have been coordinated with building events to avoid conflicts with events that may be occurring in school. Each school will share school-based test specific administration

Please review this NYSESLAT Parent Guide for more information:

<http://www.nysed.gov/bilingual-ed/nysitell-and-nyseslat-parent-guides>.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact your child's ENL teacher or Ms. Reyes-Vega, Director of Instructional Support at (914) 576-4205.

Sincerely,

Dr. Alex Marrero
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