March, 2019

Dear Woodbury Parents/Guardians,

Over the next several weeks all New Hampshire students in Grades 3-8 will participate in the New Hampshire Statewide Assessment (NHSAS). Students in the targeted grade levels will be assessed in the areas of English language arts (reading and writing) and mathematics. Fifth and eighth grade students will also be tested in Science.

The New Hampshire Assessment plays a role in implementing our curriculum standards and preparing students for college and career success. The assessment measures critical thinking with questions that ask students to demonstrate research, writing, and problem-solving skills. In addition, assessment results provide information for teachers and parents about student success and needed support, as it adapts to each student’s ability. The assessment is untimed and allows for student breaks throughout each testing session. Results for all students should be available before the end of the school year.

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As you know, assessment scores are only as meaningful as the effort students put into the tests. We need your help for your child to be best prepared:

- Please encourage your child to take the assessments seriously; to approach the assessments with a positive, confident attitude; and to give it his or her best effort.

- Mark your calendar. Please avoid scheduling any appointments during this period of time so that your child will be in attendance for each assessment session. Having all students arrive on time will assure a positive, organized start to each day.

- Please be sure that your child gets a good night’s sleep before each date and has a nutritious breakfast the day of the assessment.

If you choose to exempt your student from taking the NHSAS (permitted in RSA 193-C:6), you must submit a request to the school. Please send a letter or email to that effect to Woodbury School Principal, Mr. Brad St. Laurent, 206 Main Street, bstlaurent@sau57.org. Please understand that if you choose to exempt your child from the assessment, no scores or summary of individual student performance, based on the statewide assessment, will be provided to you.

Although the New Hampshire Assessment is only one measure of your child’s achievement, we want each child to perform to the best of his or her ability. Thank you for your help and support.

Sincerely,
Maura Palmer
Assistant Superintendent

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