April 24, 2015

Dear 3rd and 4th QCSD Grade Parents/Guardians:

Greetings from Quakertown Community School District. In order to provide instruction at the appropriate levels for all students, 4th and 5th graders will start the 15-16 year in a RELA Plus and/or Math Plus placement or grade level RELA or Math class. In order to make these important placement decisions, we will be reviewing multiple data points that include PSSA results and district benchmark testing. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that we will also be using an additional assessment.

The Scholastic Math Inventory and Scholastic Reading Inventory are computer-adaptive assessments that will take most students 20 to 40 minutes to complete. Data from these assessments will provide one additional data point to support Math Plus and RELA Plus placement decisions. We will also be using data from the recent PSSA tests our students have taken. The results of those assessments will become available to us in late July according to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

By mid-August, you will receive communication regarding your student’s eligibility for Math Plus and/or RELA Plus for the 2015-2016 school year. In the meantime, if you have any further questions, please contact your building principal.

Sincerely,

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